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Stockholm, To-day.

The Finns are continuing their gallant resistance in the Viborg sector but the situation is extremely serious, the correspondent of the Conservative evening paper "Nya Dagligt Allehanda" writes.

The Soviet have somewhat extended their front and pressure upon the Finns has become still greater.

Furthermore, the Russians have now organized their supply lines and the Red Army is fighting under better conditions.

On the Kuhmo front, however, the situation is favourable for the Finns, who have definitely cut two Soviet Divisions off from their bases in this sector.—Havas.

A.A. GUNS AUDIBLE IN PARIS

PARIS, TO-DAY.

HEAVY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE WAS AUDIBLE IN PARIS TO-DAY BUT NO AIR RAID ALARM WAS SOUNDED.

It is presumed that German reconnaissance planes had penetrated close to the French capital.

There has been liveliness in the air near the front lines, with frequent brushes, but no report of aerial losses on either side has been officially made.—Reuter.

GERMANY'S WAR ON SHIPPING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

In connection with the German official communique declaring that Allied and neutral shipping losses since the beginning of the war to Tuesday last amounted to 496 ships, with a total tonnage of 1,810,000, the French Navy Ministry declares that the following figures are the accurate ones:—

Total losses were 312 ships, total-

GERMANY IS EXERTING EVERY EFFORT TO BRING ABOUT AN END TO THE FINNISH AND FAR EASTERN CONFLICTS IN ORDER TO RELIEVE THE SOVIET AND JAPANESE MILITARY FORCES FROM THEIR PRESENT TASKS AND PUT THEM IN A POSITION TO GRANT EVENTUALLY ACTIVE SUPPORT TO GERMANY — STATE POLITICAL CIRCLES HERE.

The first attempt to put an end to the "China Incident" was made in December, but did not succeed and efforts are being renewed now by the new naval attache to Tokyo, Rear-Admiral Wennecker, and by Dr. Emil Helfferich.

Simultaneously, the Nazis are trying to bring about a Moscow-Tokyo rapprochement. Tokyo conversations are surrounded with the greatest secrecy.

As regards the Finnish war, Germany is constantly circulating rumours that Russia may accept German mediation, although she refused President Roosevelt's mediation offer on November 29, 1939. The wish expressed by the Copenhagen conference for a prompt peace in "Finland" has revived Berlin hopes that a settlement is possible and

that Russia will soon be freed from the necessity of conducting a war and, therefore, be ready to support Germany elsewhere.

KREMLIN ATTITUDE

Authorised neutral observers, however, declare that Berlin is, nevertheless, fully aware that Russia realises the situation and will attempt to capitalise on the German desire to bring about a Finno-Russian peace.

The Kremlin, these observers believe, will accept German mediation only if they get substantial compensation from Germany elsewhere.—Havas.

ROME TALK DISCRETION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

ROME, TO-DAY.

THE GREATEST DISCRETION IS BEING DISPLAYED OVER THE CONVERSATIONS MR. SUMNER WELLES HAD WITH MUSSOLINI, TO WHOM HE PRESENTED A PERSONALLY SIGNED MEMORANDUM FROM PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, AND WITH COUNT CIANO, BUT OFFICIAL CIRCLES GIVE IT TO BE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE CONVERSATIONS WERE MOST CORDIAL.

Observers here declare that Italian Government circles now consider Mr. Welles' visit from a friendlier angle, whereas only a few days ago his trip to Europe was considered to be only a clever move by Roosevelt to prepare the ground for his presidential campaign.

Mr. Welles will see the French, British and German Ambassadors to Rome to-day.—Havas.

It is intimated that Sir Stafford Cripps, K. C. expected to arrive from Chungking to-day will stay at Government House until Friday.

ing 1,085,000 tons, of which France lost 14 ships, 66,120 tons; Great Britain lost 157 ships, totalling 590,000 tons; and neutrals lost 141 ships, totalling 408,000 tons.—Havas.

CHINESE OFFENSIVE IN SPRING

Shanghai, To-day.

Preparations are being made by the Chinese forces along all fronts with a view to the launching of a general counter-offensive during the coming Spring, says the "Sin Wan Pao." Troops are being detailed to various strategic points to hold themselves in readiness for the general offensive, the reports says.—Reuter.

HONG KONG BANK LOAN TO S.M.C. ?

Shanghai, To-day.

The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will underwrite a \$10,000,000 loan to the Shanghai Municipal Council on condition that the fifty per cent. increase in taxation is approved by the ratepayers, according to reports in the "China Press." — Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST:—North-East winds, fresh to moderate; cloudy generally.

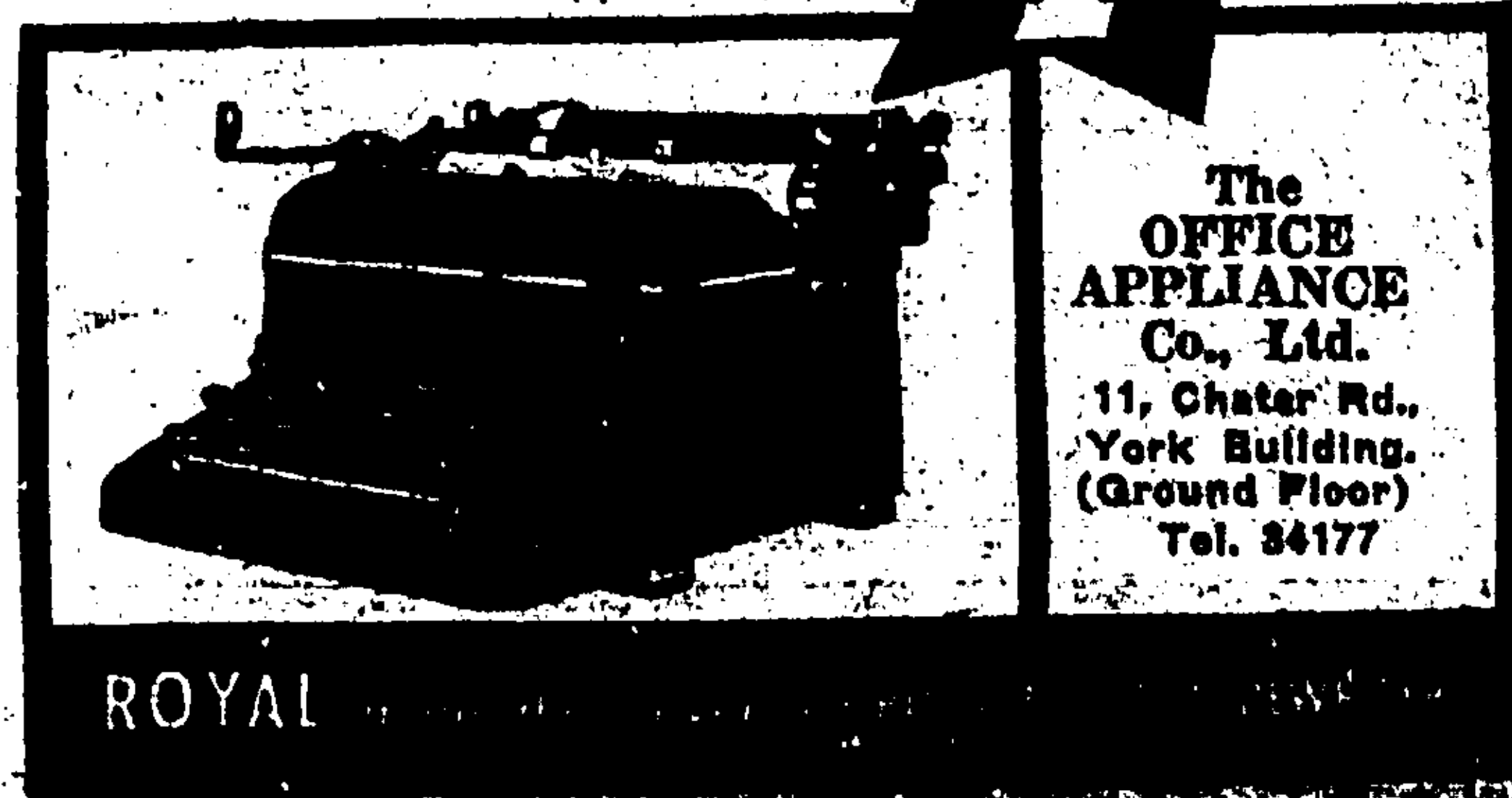


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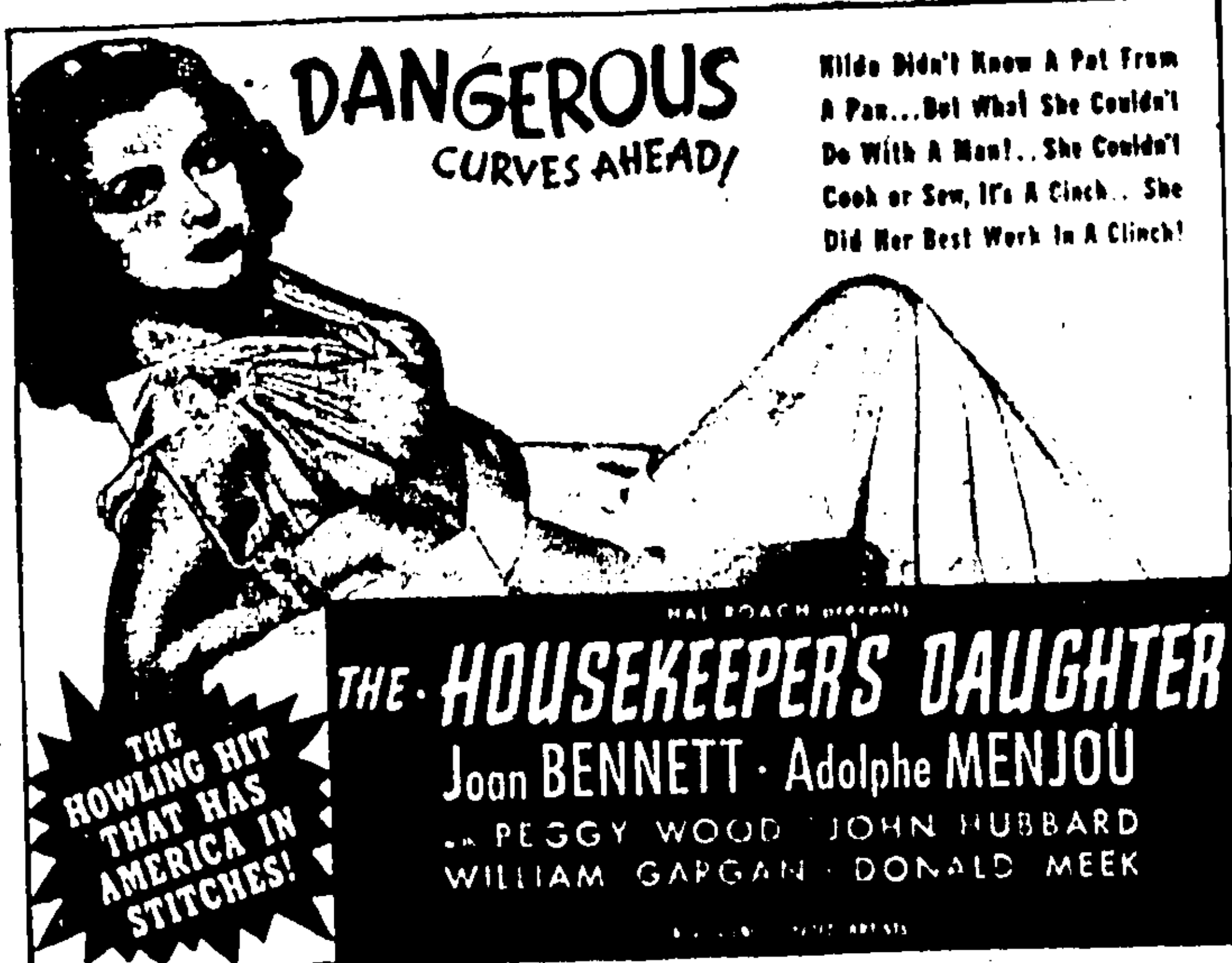


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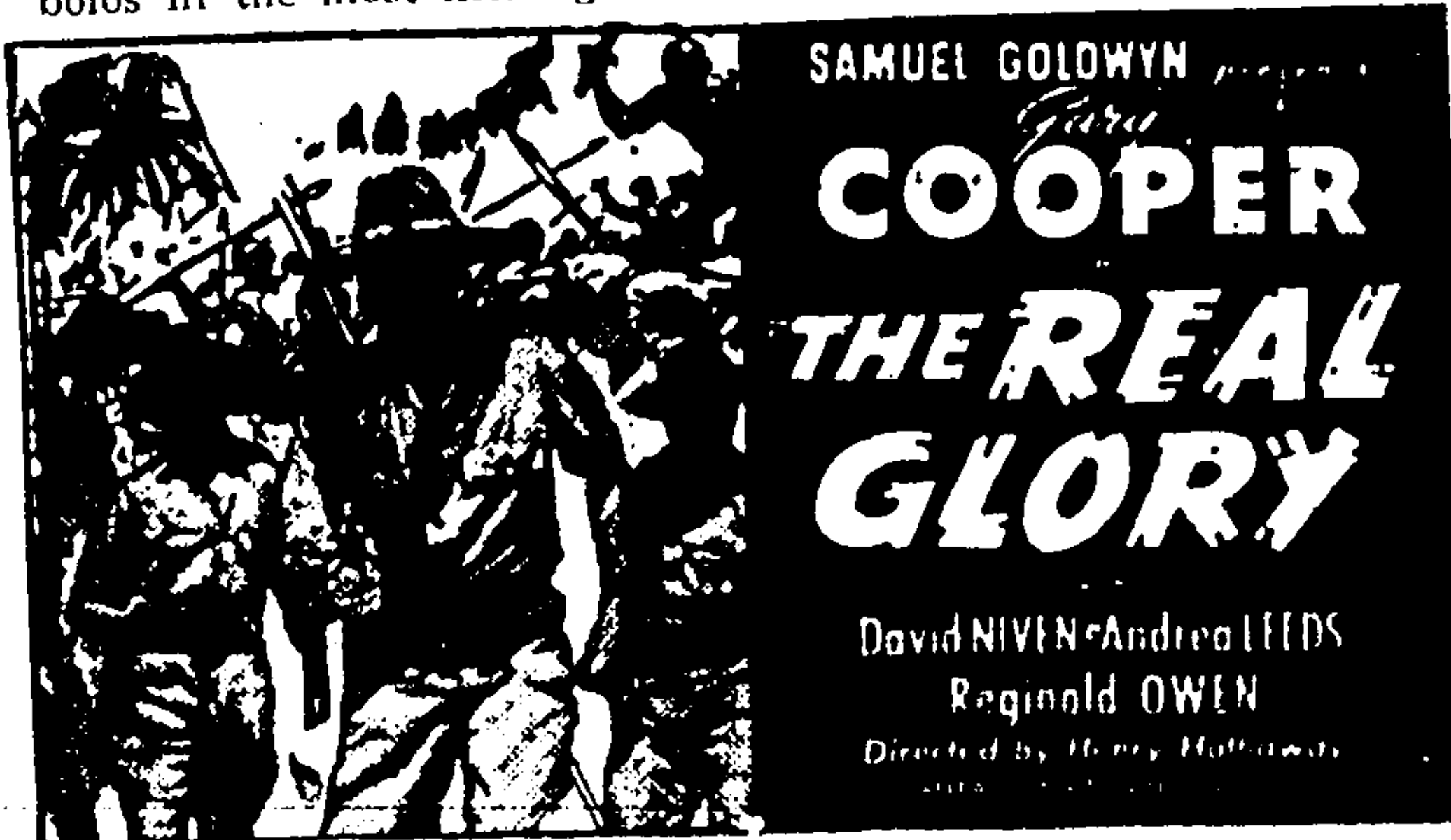
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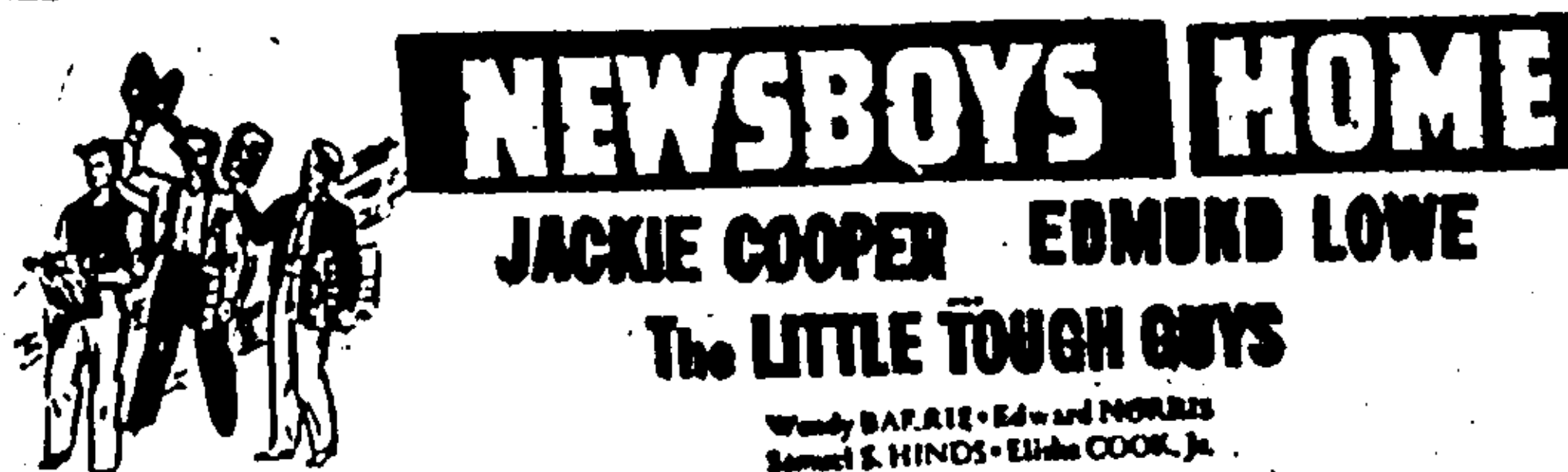
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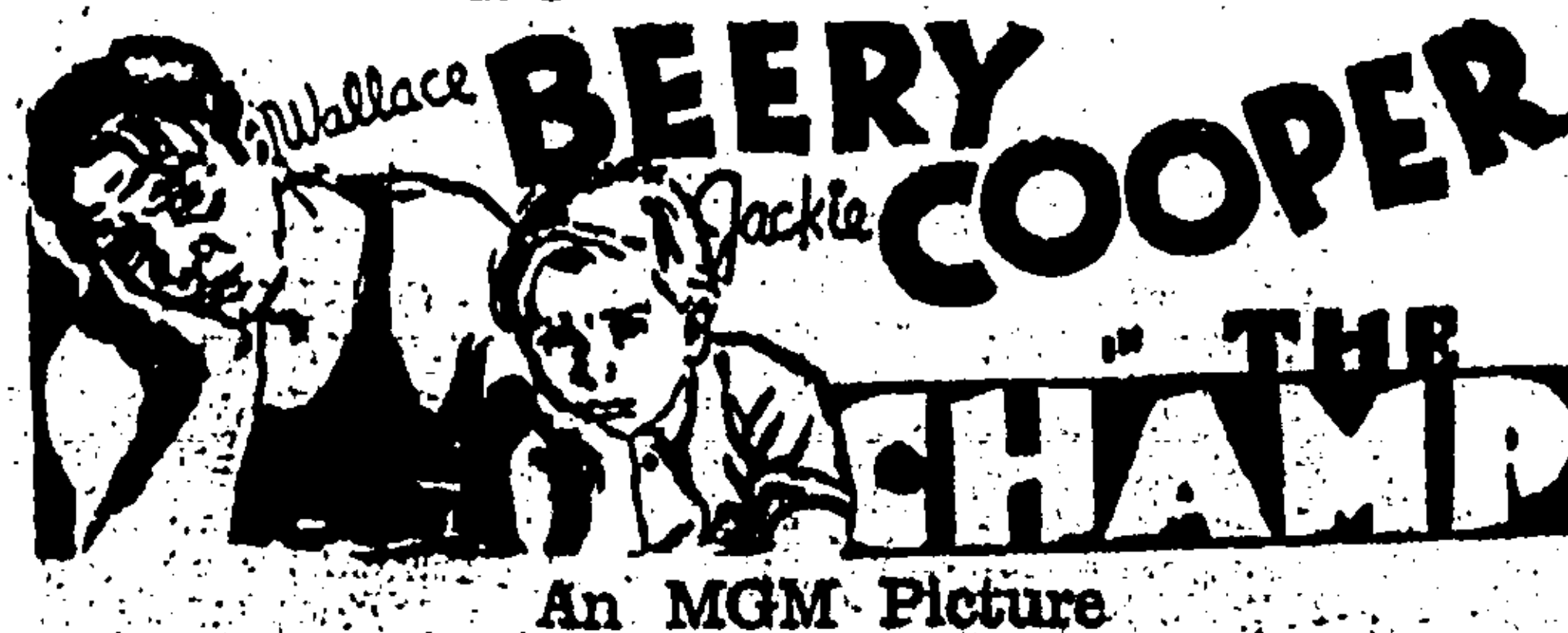
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RESTRICTIONS ON H.K. RUBBER SHOE EXPORTS

Reports circulated among local Chinese manufacturers last night that imports of locally manufactured rubber footwear have been completely banned by the Board of Trade in London, were denied by Mr. M. F. Key, Secretary of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, in an interview with the "China Mail" this morning.

It was disclosed that certain restrictions have been proposed, and that adjustment of the difficulties which will result from the restrictions, is now being sought by the Chamber of Commerce.

A full statement will be issued on the subject shortly.

Mr. Key stated this morning:

"Rubber footwear manufacturers in Hong Kong are concerned at news that the Board of Trade in London has under consideration the limitation of imports into the United Kingdom of Hong Kong-manufactured footwear.

"A proposal on these lines was urged by United Kingdom manufacturers a year ago, but was dropped when the European war broke out. Since then Hong Kong exports of footwear have increased considerably because of war demand.

VALUE OR QUANTITY QUOTA?

"The object of the Board of Trade evidently is to ensure that Hong Kong does not make serious inroads into the market to the detriment of United Kingdom and Canadian manufacturers.

"The extent of limitation proposed is 100 per cent. by value of imports during the twelve months ending August 31, 1939. Because of increased cost of materials and rising prices a quota based on pre-war value will not amount to anything like 100 per cent. of pre-war quantities. An adjustment of this difficulty is being sought.

"The trade is not averse to some measure of restriction but negotiations are proceeding in order to protect existing commitments to suppliers of materials and purchasers of the finished goods; also, with a view to smoothing out the difficulties of transition to limited output."

DEATH OF PRIVATE IN ROYAL SCOTS

A British soldier, Pte. Cruickshanks, of the Royal Scots, died suddenly whilst being transferred from Kowloon Hospital to the Military Hospital last night.

At about 8.45 p.m. yesterday, Cruickshanks was found by a Chinese constable lying on the ground in Salisbury Road. He was taken to Kowloon Hospital and was later called for by the military authorities who removed him with the intention of taking him to the Military Hospital in Hong Kong.

On leaving the ambulance outside the Star Ferry Wharf, Cruickshanks suddenly collapsed and died.

It is suspected that he was suffering from internal haemorrhage.

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FABULOUS COST OF LIVING NOW PREVAIL-
ING.

Fu also urged close co-operation between the Settlement, Concession and Special Municipality authorities for the curbing of speculation, pointing out that at present 500,000 piculs of rice are in the foreign areas of Shanghai, representing a stock which far exceeds the normal requirements.

JUST THE DIFFERENCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Istanbul, To-day.
 Commenting on the Hitler-Chamberlain duet of speeches over the week-end, a Turkish Deputy comments in an official newspaper:—

"If Hitler still seems right in the eyes of his people, Mr. Chamberlain still seems right in the opinion of all people."—Havas.

BRITISH GIFTS TO DALAI LAMA

Lhasa, To-day.

Gifts including a silk scarf, a bar of gold, and bags of silver were presented to the Dalai Lama on behalf of the British Government to-day by Mr. Gould, head of the British Mission.

The Dalai Lama received the Mission seated in the Throne Room of Potala Palace, with the Regent and other notables in attendance.

The members of the Mission ascended the steps to the Throne in single file and saluted.

After the presentation of the gifts with the British Government's formal felicitations, the Dalai Lama blessed the Mission, the members of which later toured the city streets which were lighted with blazing faggots and crowded with merry-makers.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT RETURNING THROUGH CANAL

Panama, To-day.

President Roosevelt is returning to Balboa this (Tuesday) morning. Two destroyers will escort the Tuscaloosa.

President Boyd of Panama will accompany President Roosevelt through the Canal to Cristobal, after which Mr. Roosevelt will proceed direct to Pensacola. — Reuter.

SWEDISH STEAMER TORPEDOED

London, To-day.

Reuter learns that the Swedish steamer, Santos, 3840 tons, has been sunk in the northern region of the North Sea. There were thirty persons aboard including several passengers. Hitherto only 12 are reported to have been saved.—Reuter.

"I have two ambitions—namely, the settling of the Outside Roads question and the rice problem," Fu added.

He said that with the co-operation of the three municipal authorities prices would soon decline sensibly.

He also urged that bankers be prevented from granting credits to rice merchants, thereby curtailing their buying power.

Fu emphatically denied that there was any disagreement existing between Chu Ming Yi, brother-in-law of Wang Ching-wei and Secretary-General of the "Orthodox Kuomintang," and himself.

Reliable local quarters are of the opinion that Chu is attempting to oust Fu Siao-en probably when the Wang regime comes into power towards the end of March.

THE OUTSIDE ROADS

In connection with the Outside Roads, it is stated that conversations with the Settlement authorities are to start very soon, but Fu was unable to give your correspondent any details of his "demands."

In the meantime, the price situation has been slightly improving since the French Consular Ordinance which came into effect on February 19 fixes Concession prices and gives a specially-appointed committee the right to confiscate stocks sold at higher prices.

Furthermore, firms must present their books and other documents to substantiate statements on cost prices.

Rice is, at the moment, between \$50 and \$60 a picul, as against \$13 a picul before the Sino-Japanese hostilities.—Our Own Correspondent.

BRITISH SHIPYARDS FILLED WITH ORDERS

London, To-day.

British shipyards now in production are filled up with orders, Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, said yesterday afternoon.

The speed of their output is to be increased and new yards will be arranged.—Reuter.

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Knitters for the British War Organisation fund are earnestly requested to be kind enough to note the following:—All articles in pairs should be securely sewn together at the ribbing end. It is particularly requested that scarves should not be fringed.

SPANISH SHIP SUNK

Hendaye, To-day.

It has been confirmed here that the Spanish steamer, Banderas, which was reported last week to have been destroyed by an explosion, was torpedoed by a U-boat.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

General McNaughton, the G.O.C. of the Canadian Troops, has taken over the administration of the entire Aldershot Command for the next six days while General Broad is on leave.—Reuter.

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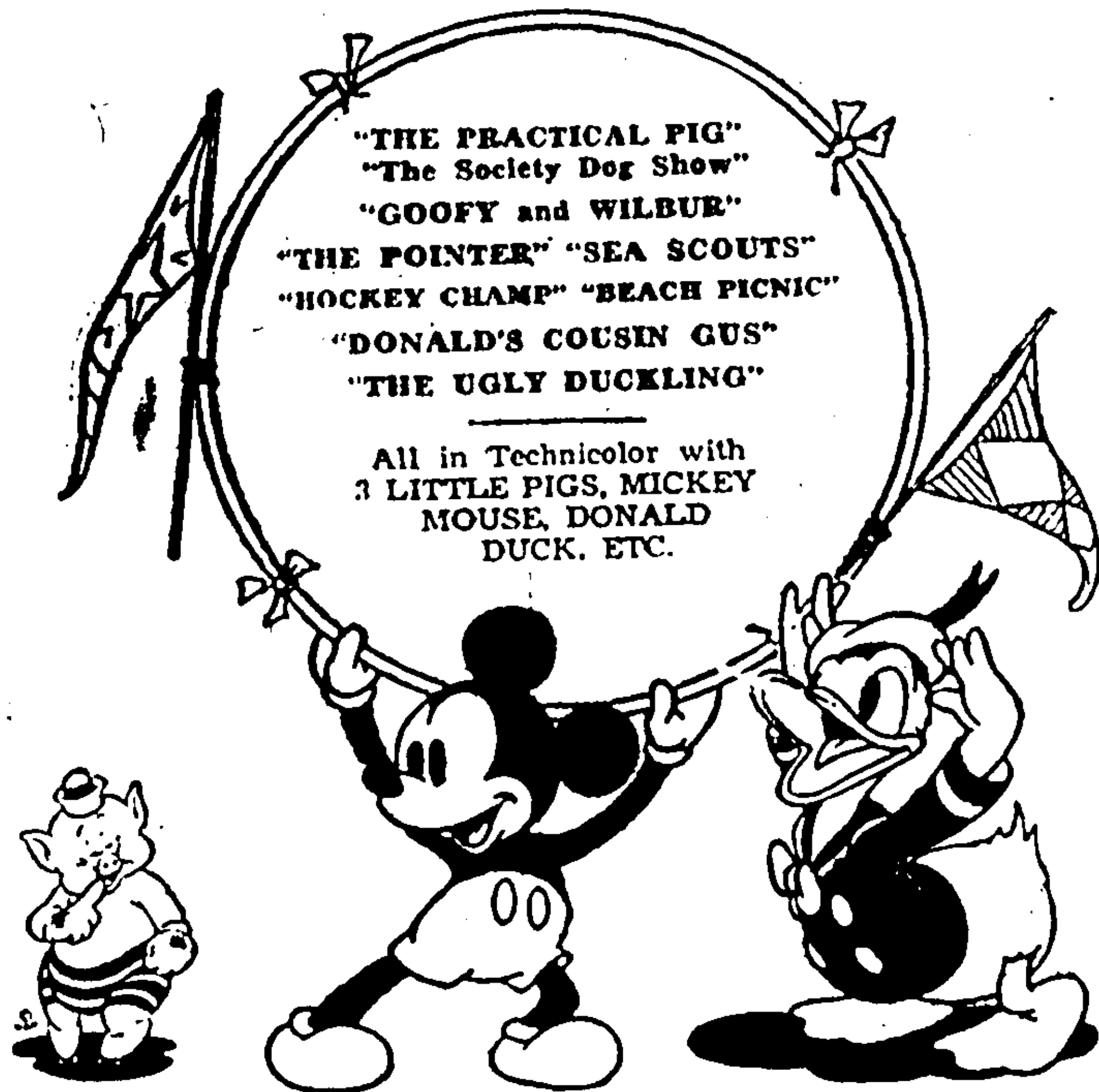
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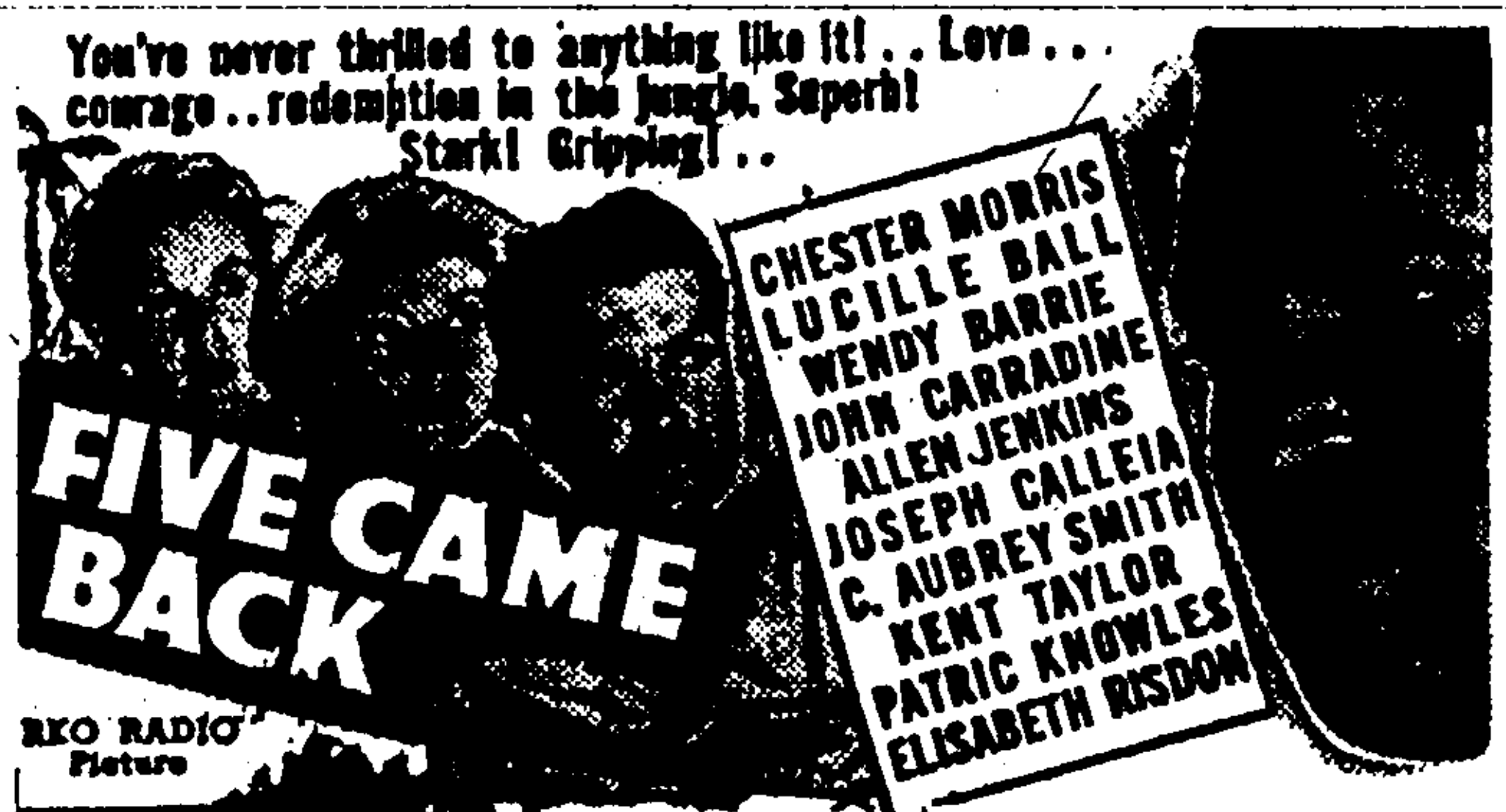


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GERMANY DISCLOSES INTENTIONS

It may be noted that the territory indicates excludes Pomerania, Posen, Upper Silesia, which were annexed to the Reich after the September "blitzkrieg." — Reuter.

Hague, To-day.
The new 300,000,000-guilder loan,
floatd for defence purposes, has been
oversubscribed.—Reuter.

HELSINKI, TO-DAY.

Practically the whole of Viborg has now been destroyed and all but a few army units have left the town. More defence lines are being thrown up.

London, To-day.

He assured the House that it was going on and that it was not being held up in any way by the fact that arms were being sent to Finland.—
Reuter.

The Soviets, for their part, dropped some bombs on Hangoe, but without doing much damage. — Reuter.

Helsinki, To-day.

This probably means only the evacuation of the civilian population. The town is now exposed to direct bombardment from Kolvisto now in Soviet hands, though the guns of the fort were put out of action before the Finnish withdrawal.—Reuter.

Moscow, To-day.

Soviet "news" sources are now trying to explain matters on the Finnish front by talking about the exceptional rigours of the weather and the vast fortifications "constructed by the Finnish bourgeoisie."—Reuter.

Shanghai, To-day.

Many arrests were made yesterday in connection with the strike. — Our Own Correspondent.

Stockholm, To-day.

The Government has asked Parliament to vote 1,000,000 Kroner to enable the Swedish hospitals to care for some thousands of wounded which are shortly arriving from Finland. — Reuter.

Washington, To-day.

He added that he thought the prices being paid by for military aeroplanes by foreign Governments was reasonable when compared with domestic prices.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

The issuing of an Anglo-French postage stamp later in the year as a symbol of Anglo-French unity is now being discussed between the British Postmaster-General and the French Minister of Posts and Telegraphs.—
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'Spee Scuttling Was Right'

GOOSE BOUGHT
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REVELATIONS IN
A BEER CELLAR

By A NEUTRAL OBSERVER

I arrived in Berlin on New Year's Eve. There was only one luggage porter on the gloomy, blacked-out Friedrichstrasse Station when my train finally wheezed in a few hours before midnight—only five and a half hours late.

I say "only" because that's what my German fellow-travellers said. They seemed to think a delay of five and a half hours on a fourteen-hour trip quite good going.

The porter went along the train with a trolley and torch and helped us passengers to put our bags on the trolley—price fifty pfennigs (about tenpence) a bag.

There were no taxis to be had. "Never are after the black-out, and especially not on New Year's Eve," said the porter bitterly, as he trundled our stuff down to the Underground station.

At the hotel they knew me from previous visits.

That, I suppose, was why the receptionist had sufficient confidence to offer right away to sell me some extra food coupons—a little transaction which, if it comes to the ears of an unfriendly policeman, means a stretch of penal servitude for all concerned.

Nevertheless the food coupon racket is a good one, and in the big cities I found one could always buy a few extra coupons.

The most expensive and most difficult to get are those for clothes. Money is cheap in Germany to-day because there is so little to buy. And, therefore, if you want something really ambitious you must throw in something precious in return.

For instance, one of my Berlin friends gaily invited me to eat roast goose with him and his family, a most generous invitation. But when I got there the kitchen was bare.

The farmer who had promised them the goose had sold it to some one else who, as the farmer himself apologised, had given him a litre of paraffin.

So instead we had some corned beef from the store of tins which my friend had wisely piled up years before the war.

Beer—2/—For Large Glass

There is a cellar attached to the hotel, and that's where I saw the New Year in. It wasn't very gay. The management had festooned a few paper streamers across the room.

A moulding, shrivelled bit of Christmas tree sat in a corner—quite an effort this, as officially there were to be no Christmas trees on account of the shortage of wood.

At the tables squatted the familiar Berlin groups of middle-aged, bald-headed men and buxom young women, engaged in half-hearted frivolity. Most of them were drinking a mixture of beer and champagne, or beer and German gin.

The girls did their best to liven things up with gusts of squeaky laughter. Upstairs a band was playing the favourite patriotic song, "Wir Marschieren Gen Engelland." ("We March Against England").

I sat down at a large table all by myself and ordered a beer. It's still

good beer, though expensive—one mark twenty (about 2s.) for a large glass.

As I sat there a field-grey soldier came in slowly down the steps into the cellar. He was alone. He looked pale and wretched as he shyly passed between the tables.

He glanced towards me. "Come and sit here," I said, "if you like. I'm alone, too. We can keep each other company." "Thank you," he said, hung up his greatcoat and sat down.

Then I saw the black-white-black ribbon of the Iron Cross on his tunic. The waiter brought us beer. "You have the Iron Cross, and yet you are sad," I said.

"Oh, that. Yes, I have it," he said, looking down at the ribbon, and fell silent again. Then suddenly he burst out: "Both my brothers have fallen. One was killed in the fighting at Modlin; the other was wounded the

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same day. He died in hospital yesterday. I got the news to-day. Now I am all alone."

He Saved His Captain

He himself, he gradually told me, had been in the fighting at Tomaszow. The Poles defended the place street by street, he said. They had machine-guns in good ambush positions. Sometimes they let the Germans pass, to take them in the rear.

His Iron Cross he had got for bringing his wounded captain out of the battle. He carried him to a motor van in the street. Somehow he managed to drive through the Polish machine-gun fire.

"How we got through, I don't know. I got two shots through my left leg, the steering wheel was shot clean out of my hand, and yet—we got through. The van capsized into a ditch just by the side of some of our men."

"What happened to the captain?" I asked.

"He died later in the field hospital."

"And you?"

"Oh, I was all right. They flew me to Vienna in a hospital plane, and I am perfectly K.V. again now." (K.V. stands for Kriegsverwundungsfaehig, which means Fit for War.) "They said they would have promoted me if they could. I have education and all that. But, of course, they can't promote me."

"But why not?" I asked.

"Well, you see," he said, and he smiled as though it was hurting him,



"We don't listen to his beastly broadcasts any more."

"I'm only half Aryan. My mother was a Jewess."

They Cannot Be Promoted

"I am afraid I don't understand," I said. "Why can't you be promoted? You're a soldier. Surely all soldiers can be promoted?"

He shook his head. "I am only half Aryan. Half Aryans can become soldiers. They can fight for the Fatherland. They can be wounded. They can be killed—as my brothers have been killed. But they cannot be promoted. I cannot even become a corporal."

Again he fell silent. Then he said: "It was decent of them, though, to give me the Iron Cross. That will stop the others in my section from ragging me."

We drank in silence. From the next table a girl screeched to us to cheer up. The soldier glared at her. Then he said to me: "For the present I am in luck. They've ordered me to join the army of occupation in Poland. That's a soft job and no fighting. I am going to Bieltz with a draft tomorrow."

As the evening went on he lost his restraint more and more. He told me of Poland. He talked of the S.S., whom he loathed, and the bitter feeling between them and the Reichswehr, to which he belonged.

It was so bad now, he said, that in many places officers of crack Reichswehr units refused to return the salute of S.S. men (the S.S., you

"SICK OF GOEBBELS"

know, are Hitler's special army under the command of Himmler.)

It was an astonishing story he poured out to me. I looked round to see whether any one was watching or listening, but no one was, so far as I could tell.

Later, when I met old German friends of mine in Danzig and Frankfurt whom I could trust, I asked them about it, and they confirmed what the soldier said.

They had heard about these things from their officer sons in the Reichswehr when they came home on leave.

Soiled Name Of The Army

The trouble seems partly due to normal professional jealousy between the Reichswehr and the S.S., who as shock and police troops receive better treatment even than the Reichswehr motor-cycle shock troops, who bore the main brunt of the fighting in Poland.

The S.S. police troops did not join in the fighting, but were given the cleaning up job to do behind the lines.

The Reichswehr accused them of having soiled the name of the German Army by looting and pillaging and gratuitous brutality to the population.

Said my lonely soldier: "You know, we Reichswehr soldiers wear the eagle on our breast. The S.S. wear it on their arm. The Polish peasants have learned the difference. They say: 'Eagle on breast—soldier all right. Eagle on arm—soldier bad, very bad.'"

Among at least some of the units of the Reichswehr there is a revolt against the Goebbels propaganda methods. But it was not my friend in the beer cellar who told me this.

I got it from—a young officer on leave, whom I met when I called on his parents. I had known him and his father and mother for a long time.

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FIRST CANADIAN AIR FORCE SQUADRON LANDS IN BRITAIN: LITTLE CEREMONY

London, To-day.

A DESCRIPTION OF THE landing of the first squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Force on Sunday at a north-west coast port was broadcast from Daventry yesterday by a BBC Observer.

The most striking aspect of the landing, he said, was its simplicity. There was no brass bands or cheering crowds. It was not an occasion for eye-wash—it was an actual incident in wartime and an important one. A complete squadron, trained, equipped and on active service was landing according to pre-arranged plans.

It was a grey, misty morning and the ship was close to the shore when it was first sighted. As soon as the men disembarked, they were fallen in, and as they did so kept on bursting out into a song which those on shore could hear as the ship came into view.

The song was written by one of the squadron's own officers and is entitled "We've got a lovely war to win!" A recording of the men singing the song was broadcast by the BBC, and as the Observer commented, "It's got a lot of kick in it!"

Although there were one or two short speeches, the occasion was not a formal one. It was just a case of showing that Britain was really glad to welcome the Canadian airmen and that their coming meant a great deal to all.

The men come from all over the Dominion, from Victoria, B.C., in the West to Halifax in the East. Most of them are members of the Auxiliary Air Force, who in peace-time are lumber-jacks, shop assistants and so on. The average age is 22, although some of them have medal-ribbons from the last war.

NO ROUSING SENDOFF

Interviewed, a Canadian officer said that they did not get a rousing send-off from Canada, they just disappeared and no one knew they were leaving until they had gone!

After the French section of the squadron had fallen in and sung that popular song of the last war, "Madelon," they entrained and were off to their camp, disappearing again as they had disappeared from Canada.—Reuter.

Ahmedabad, To-day.

The strike threat here was averted by an appeal by the Governor of Bombay, who persuaded the workers and the employers to submit the dispute to arbitration.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI LETTER CENSORED BY NAZIS

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

SOME CONSTERNATION WAS CAUSED IN LOCAL BRITISH CIRCLES TO-DAY WHEN IT WAS LEARNED THAT A RECENT LETTER MAILED FROM SHANGHAI BY A BRITISH FIRM, MILLINGTON LIMITED, TO THEIR LONDON OFFICE ARRIVED THERE BEARING A STAMP SHOWING THAT IT HAD BEEN OPENED BY THE GERMAN CENSORS.

On being questioned, local postal officials expressed surprise that this could have happened.

It is believed that the letter in question went via Siberia and in the course of its journey somehow fell into the hands of the German censors.

So far, this is the only known instance of a letter addressed from Shanghai for an address in Britain which has passed through the German censor's office.—Reuter.

TEN "CONVICTIONS"

Mr. B. M. Bateman, of Jardine Matheson & Company, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for parking overtime in Pedder Street on February 25.

Traffic Sergeant Appleton, who said defendant parked the car from 3.13 to 5.50 p.m., added that defendant had about 10 previous convictions. A fine of \$10 was imposed.

FOURTH LINE OF DEFENCE

London, To-day.

The Secretary of the Department of Overseas Trade discussed some problem connected with export in Glasgow yesterday.

In peacetime, Mr. Hudson explained, Britain bought more than she sold and the difference was made up by invisible exports, insurance, freight charges, foreign investment etc.

But in wartime, many factors arise which make it more difficult for Britain to pay for her imports. The cost of imports rise, while the volume of exports visible and invisible tend to decrease.

On the other hand, Mr. Hudson said he is not afraid of any immediate lack of markets. "They are there if we can deliver the goods quickly and at the right price."

Mr. Hudson then forecast the necessity further to restrict home consumption which was necessary for the maintenance of the war effort. More exports than the £680,000,000 of the peak year of 1929 were required.

NEW "B.E.F"

Concluding, Mr. Hudson said: "If in time of peace, we have sell abroad to safeguard our standards of living, in time of war, we have do so even more to safeguard our very lives. Exports have been called the fourth arm of defence."

"I prefer to think of them as a new British Expeditionary Force, a force in which the common people of this realm, both men and women, whose energy resourcefulness and self sacrifice have served England so well in the past, will once again unitedly play their part in ensuring the ultimate victory of our cause."—British Wireless.

"FRIENDS OF FINLAND FUND"

The total donations to the above Fund have now reached \$10,975.—and a further £200.—was remitted by telegraphic transfer on Saturday, making a total contribution from Hong Kong of £665.—

NO NAZI MEDIATION PROPOSED

Stockholm, To-day.

The Berlin correspondent of the "Aften Bladet" says that the idea of German mediation between Finland and Russia has brought a fresh denial in Berlin, where it is officially stated: "From the beginning our attitude to the Finnish conflict has been that of a neutral observer. There has been no change in that attitude. The events in Finland concern only Finland and the Soviet."—Reuter.

THIRD TERM FOR F.D.R.

Washington, To-day.

The United States may now be said to be prepared for a break with the tradition that the President should never serve for a third term of office.

Most of the newspapers and political commentators agree now that President Roosevelt will probably run again and that if he does, there is no Republican candidate in sight who is likely to stop him.

Already a number of prominent Democrats have started a movement in favour of the candidature of President Roosevelt, who having allowed his name to be entered in the Illinois Presidential Primary, may be regarded as seeking to test his present popularity.

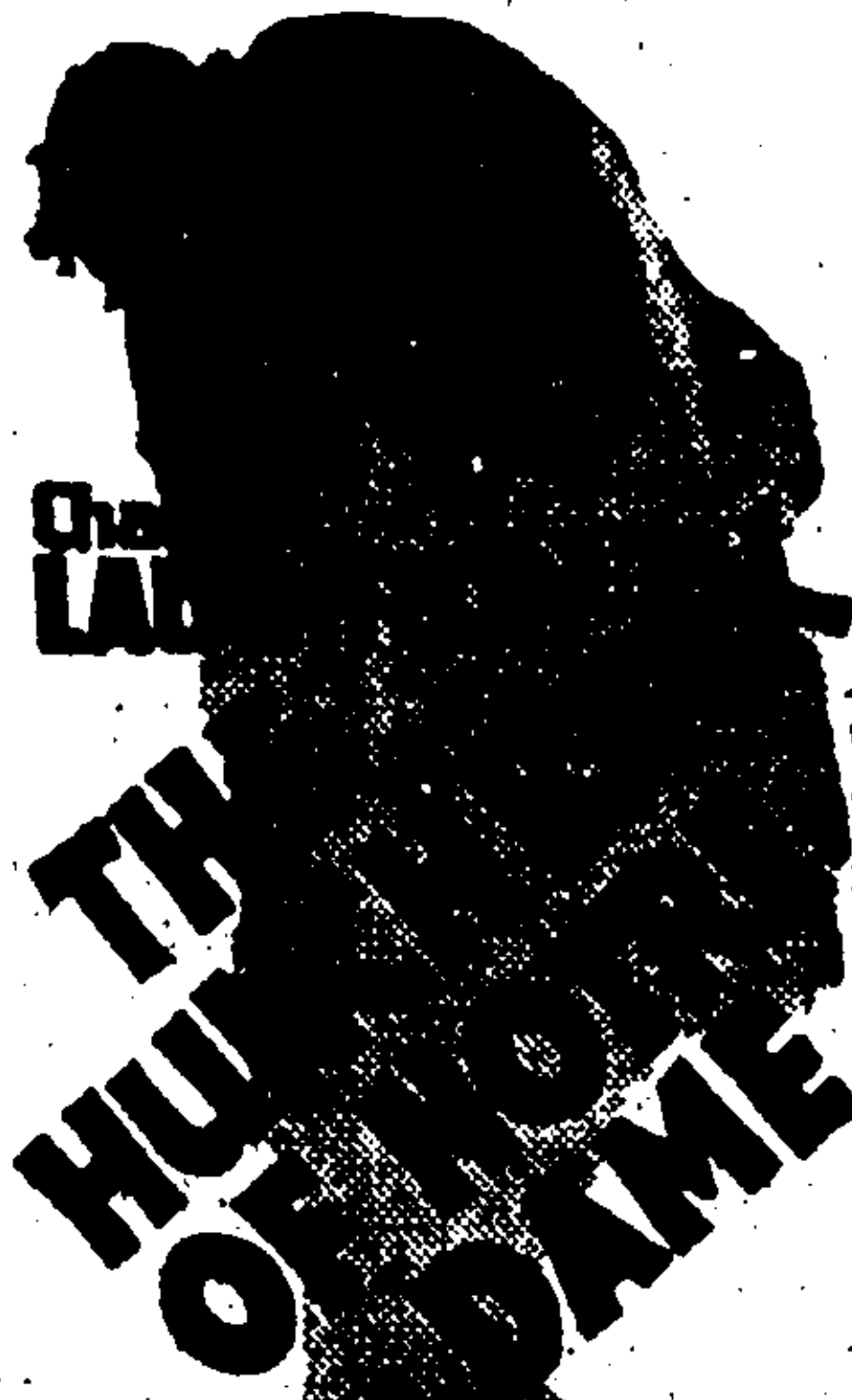
Washington gossip-writers assert that the President has decided to run, but say that he will probably not announce his decision until the Democratic Convention is actually in session.

His term of office expires on January 20, 1941 and the Presidential Election will be held in November this year.

It is generally agreed that it will be fought more on foreign than domestic policies and that even if elected the Republicans are hardly likely to change the present foreign policy.—Reuter.

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BRITAIN'S REMINDER

Norwegian Foreign Minister's Memory Faulty

STRETCHING A POINT TO FIND COMMON GROUND

Washington, To-day.
Commenting on the speeches of Herr Hitler and Mr. Chamberlain, the "Washington Post" finds "some common ground" in Hitler's denial that he seeks world domination and Mr. Chamberlain's denial that the Allies seek to encompass the destruction of Germany.
It adds: "Mr. Chamberlain holds out to Germany a pledge of co-operation. It will be Mr. Welles' mission to find out if this common ground is sufficient to support a peace effort or whether the only alternative is to fight to the bitter end."—Reuter.

"BRITISH" FREEDOM STATION

London, To-day.
A few radio listeners in Britain heard on Sunday a pathetic attempt to promote—or provoke—feeling against the British Government.

A radio station, calling itself the "New British Broadcasting Station," with announcements in English, came on the air—but gave no indication of where it was located.

The announcer spoke "as one Briton to another," and talked at some length about the "British war aims," his commentary being chiefly notable for the muddled views displayed.

The broadcast ended with the National Anthem.

A similar broadcast by a station purporting to be a French station has also been heard.—Reuter.

SOMEWHERE ON CONTINENT

London, To-day.
Post Office engineers believe that the "new British broadcasting company," from which anti-British propaganda was heard on Sunday night, is a low-power station operating somewhere in a "distant part of the Continent."—Reuter.

SIR VICTOR UPSETS JAPANESE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

A SPOKESMAN OF THE JAPANESE EMBASSY BITTERLY REFERRED TO THE "INGRATITUDE" OF SIR VICTOR SASSOON, WELL-KNOWN LOCAL JEWISH BRITISH FINANCIER AT PRESENT TOURING IN THE UNITED STATES.

Sir Victor's recent statement to the press at New York was most unfavourable to Japan in which he referred to internal division in Japan and concluded that the China campaign was doomed to failure.

Local Jewish quarters generally acknowledge the Japanese helpful attitude to the Jewish emigres but some commentators take the view that the Japanese attitude was inspired by a desire to secure the support of Jewish business magnates in the United States and, thereby, to increase the chances of the conclusion of a Japan-American trade treaty.—Havas.

REPRESENTATIONS OF LAST SUMMER

London, To-day.

THE FOLLOWING OFFICIAL statement was issued in London to-day: "The attention of His Majesty's Government has been drawn to a suggestion made in a Norwegian newspaper that the statement in regard to the Altmark case made by Professor Koht, the Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs, on February 20th was intentionally given inadequate publicity in this country.

The facts are that no steps were taken by H.M. Government to influence the newspapers in any way with regard to the prominence to be given to this statement which was, indeed, published on February 21st in the Times in a conspicuous position.

"In view of the tendentious comments which have been made on this point in certain quarters, H.M. Government find themselves constrained to state that the account given by Professor Koht of the communication received by the Norwegian Government from H. M. Government during the summer of 1939 was not accurate.

According to "The Times" report, Professor Koht stated that in the summer of 1939, the British Government asked the Norwegian Government how the passage in the Norwegian neutrality regulations dealing with passage

through territorial waters was to be understood, "emphasising that warships must have the right to sail in Norwegian territorial waters as long as they desired without regard to the 24 hours limit."

NO FOUNDATION

There is no foundation for such a statement.

The only observation dealing with the right of passage in the communication which was made to the Norwegian Government in Oslo on May 23rd, 1939, is as follows: "While His Majesty's Government do not deny that there may, in special circumstances, be a right to refuse belligerent warships entry into neutral territorial waters they have always maintained and must continue to maintain the existence of such a right of entry for the purpose of innocent passage and they

SAIGON RICE EXPORTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

Local French authorities denied reports of a prohibition of rice exports from Saigon. Fifty-five thousand tons were allowed to leave Indo-China since January 3 while the issue of export licences are continuing.—Havas.

are not aware of any case in which it has been refused by neutrals to belligerents for this purpose."

RETRACTION

This passage was quoted in a statement issued by the Norwegian Foreign Department on February 21.

The Norwegian Minister has now conveyed to Lord Halifax a message from Professor Koht in which the latter spontaneously acknowledges his statement of February 20 was made from memory and that he had been mistaken in saying that H.M. Government had made any reference to the 24-hour limit whatever.

"I should, therefore, be clearly understood that the extract quoted above represents the only statement made to the Norwegian Government by H.M. Government on this point prior to the present incident." — British Wireless.

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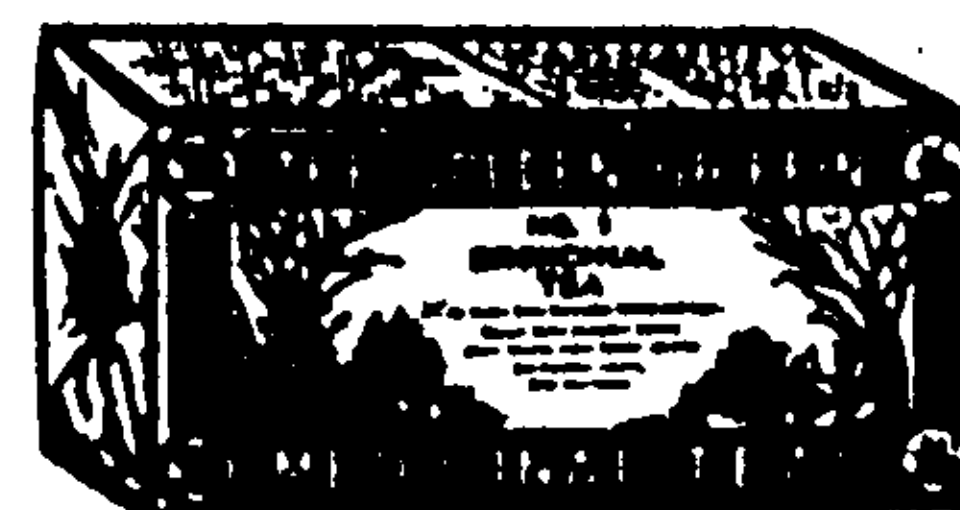


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MIRROR OF WORLD
OPINION

POSITIVE HELP

It is known that the Government will offer positive help to the new Wang regime. If the Government will try thus to implement its work for construction of a new order in East Asia, it must first establish a new political structure at home, thoroughly powerful and long enduring. But Premier Yonal, in his Diet speech on Thursday (Feb. 1), made only perfunctory statements on the necessity for repletion of national defence, expansion of productive capacity, and stabilization of the nation's livelihood under existing war conditions. He showed nothing new in the required plan to strengthen the domestic structure. Neither did he show the Government's ardor for this work. This administrative attitude of the Premier is reflected in the Diet speech of Foreign Minister Arita.

Mr. Arita attributed the cause of the current chaotic world situation to exclusionist policies of the Powers due to existing various international irrationalities and injustices. The result has been the almost simultaneous occurrence, in the East and the West, of struggles for a new order. This, Mr. Arita pointed out, marks a new age in the history of mankind, calling for serious reflection by world Powers. However, the Foreign Minister failed to show concrete measures to meet the situation. He said he will make efforts to adjust diplomatic relations with Germany, Italy, Soviet Russia, Great Britain, and the United States. But the fact is that of all these nations Germany and Britain are at present at war with each other. To which side then should Japan give better attention? Efficient enforcement of foreign policy cannot be expected by equal courtship to both belligerent Powers.—"Kokumin Shim-bun."

the facts themselves were so grossly distorted.

One of his last executive acts before delivering the speech was to make the practice of listening-in to foreign broadcasts a capital offence. Having thus deprived his countrymen of all power to form an independent opinion, as he had previously done to express it, he felt at liberty to make his own facts. That is something that no human being who has ever lived has ever done successfully.—Scrutator.

THE SPIRIT OF FRANCE

Of the speeches of French statesmen at this time it may be said that they are as interesting to British as to French readers. Particularly is this true of M. Reynaud, who earned the confidence of the two allied peoples by his refusal during the phase of appeasement to join the conspiracy of wishful thinking. In his speech to the Senate last week he said very justly that what the democracies had lacked during the last twenty years was not material means but lucidity and daring. Those qualities distinguish his own speeches and actions, and they mark him out as a leader. He warned France on Thursday of the danger that lurks in the common belief that time is on the side of the Allies. "Time is a neutral." A good example of the methods by which the Allies can win over this neutral is the Anglo-French agreement. Speaking to Frenchmen, M. Reynaud instanced one of its advantages: by this means, as he said, the "immense zone of the British Empire has been opened to France for purchases for which her gold is not required." This and similar advantages, bestowed on both countries, provide for the steady development of the power of the Allies, and they strengthen the appeals of Ministers to citizens. For if the citizens of a country are to make great sacrifices for their common cause they must be satisfied that they are led by men of large views who will not allow those sacrifices to be wasted.

THE CONTRAST

In the contrast between the two voices heard there is great encouragement for the Allied cause. The British Prime Minister and the German Fuehrer were both speaking to their own people. From Mr. Chamberlain we had a speech packed with facts, all serving to illustrate the magnitude of the effort that we are making for victory. He sought to encourage us to further effort, by refuting those who charged the Government with not having brought sufficient energy to the prosecution of the war, or not having asked our people to make even greater sacrifices to the cause.

Not, indeed, that he was resentful of criticism, which he regards, rightly, as necessary to the working of democratic government; as a good democrat he would probably prefer that criticism should be unfair than that there should be none at all. But at any rate let us be sure of our facts first—such was, in brief, the foundation of the speech.

But how different was the quality of that other voice, from Germany. It is generally thought that Hitler's speech was the weakest that he has ever made; it was certainly the one which showed less respect for facts than any even of his previous speeches have done. He has led us to expect opinions from him which

stand in no relation to what we know to the truth; but one cannot remember any speech of Hitler's in which

M. Reynaud made two references to the future. He said that after the war the State would have a capital part to play, but it would not be a totalitarian part. "For what would we have fought if liberty were lost?" He had a fine phrase to distinguish the French temper from that of the dictatorships: "The strength of France was neither the fear of State or party nor the fascination of a man, but the free will of service to the nation." And he repeated what he said in an earlier speech about the importance of the Anglo-French agreement for the future. "The important part of the agreement is that it prepares for the reconstruction of Europe. American opinion is not mistaken on this point. The Senate

SINGLE PROOF

We may say one thing with the whole strength of our minds and hearts. There never was a plain and greater difference between human right and inhuman wrong than in the issues between the Allies and the enemy. In the spiritual justice of our quarrel we are thrice-armed and more. Every week from the beginning of the struggle brought further evidence and clearer conviction. But if we desired a single case of proof on the largest scale and with a final force of illustration, that witness is supplied by the grinding Yate of Poland. If that crime could remain unremedied, if the perpetrators could get away with it, we might well deplore the future of man.—J. L. Garvin.

will not be mistaken either." Mr. Walter Lippmann, who went to Paris in 1918 to serve on the United States delegation at the Peace Conference, observed the other day that the world after this war is over will need a programme of relief and reconstruction beyond anything ever undertaken in history. If that task is to be accomplished the first necessity is close union and full co-operation between the Western Allies. By insisting on this truth M.

Reynaud is helping to educate the democracies for the great task of the future. —"Manchester Guardian."

Mr. Welles Stirs Italian Political Circles To A New Approach To His "Peace" Mission

HOUR'S TALK WITH IL DUCE

ROOSEVELT THIRD TERM POLICY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Washington, To-day.
An indication of President Roosevelt's intention to run for a third term is seen in the fact that he submitted his name among the list of candidates for the primary elections at Illinois where the Democratic nominee for the forthcoming presidential elections will be appointed.—Havas.

POLISH LEADERS SHOT

London, To-day.

According to a Polish Government communique, two well-known Polish industrialists, Robert Goyet, President of the Lodz Chamber of Commerce, and Guido John, ironmaster, have been shot by the Gestapo because they refused to sign documents stating that they were of German nationality.

Both belonged to families of German origin. The communique states that the Germans are now expelling Poles from the Central Polish districts which were held by Russia before the last war.

Six thousand families are stated to have already been driven out of Lodz.

Large numbers of women and girls have been sent from Kalisz and other areas to Germany and their fate is arousing anxiety.—Reuter.

TRAWLER IN THE WARS

London, To-day.

The British trawler Persian Empire, which came back to port yesterday morning, has suffered no less than three attacks from Nazi planes.

The first was as far back as January 12, when a Nazi plane tried to bomb and machine-gun it.

Last Thursday, it was attacked once more and again on Saturday.

On this last occasion, three R.A.F. fighters came up and the Nazi plane disappeared so quickly that the trawler was unable to bring into action its new machine-gun.—Reuter.

*** The Persian Empire was built at Hull in 1899. She is registered at Fleetwood and is owned by J. Ireland.

ROME, TO-DAY.

ITALIAN INDIFFERENCE TO MR. SUMNER WELLES' VISIT HAS SUDDENLY GIVEN WAY TO AN ATMOSPHERE OF LIVELY INTEREST, NOW HE HAS SEEN MUSSOLINI AND COUNT CIANO.

Immediately after Mr. Welles had seen Count Ciano in the morning, the latter hurried to Palazzo Venezia where he spent half an hour laying the gist of the talk before the Duce.

Mr. Sumner Welles' talk with Mussolini personally lasted about an hour. Immediately afterwards, Mr. Welles returned to his hotel and declined to make a statement.—Reuter.

Italian Scepticism

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The London press emphasizes that official circles in Rome are sceptical about his chances for discovering a basis for peace negotiations in the immediate future.

Mr. Welles, they comment, hopes to finish his work and report to President Roosevelt by the first week in April.

Mention is made of the fact that, in reply to a correspondent, Mr. Welles said that, so long as he is in Europe, the only statements he will make will be to announce the hour of his departure from one place to another.

Commenting on Hitler's speech, the "Daily Mail" says that if such is the material for conversations between Mr. Welles and the Nazi leaders in Berlin, he will have a "discouraging talk."

NEUTRAL PRESSURE

At the present moment, says the paper, the Allies must not be influenced by neutral pressure. Although they will welcome Mr. Welles' investigation, their own task for the present is the perfecting of their war machine.

Other newspapers comment that the Allies have nothing to hide and much to be proud of. They wonder if Hitler will take Mr. Welles on a personally conducted tour of Prague and Warsaw!—Havas.

LEAVING FOR BERLIN THIS EVENING

Rome, To-day.

It is learned that Mr. Sumner

Welles is leaving Rome for Britain this evening.

He saw Mussolini at the Venezia Palace late yesterday afternoon.—Reuter.

AUTOGRAPHED MESSAGE

During their interview, Mr. Sumner Welles is understood to have handed to Signor Mussolini an autographed message from President Roosevelt.—Reuter.

BANK MEETING

Shareholders of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation are reminded that the Bank's Meeting takes place to-morrow (Wednesday) at Noon at the Head Office of the Corporation.

STEAMER SUNK--AND THE U-BOAT

Glasgow, To-day.
The Glasgow steamer, Loch Maddy, 4,998 tons, was torpedoed in the North Atlantic on February 22. Four lives were lost. Thirty-five survivors were picked up by a warship which is believed to have sunk the U-boat.—Reuter.

ITALIAN BIAS SHOWS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

Political commentators assert that time is not working for the Allies.

The Allies, therefore, it is alleged, are endeavouring to extend the zone of operations in the present conflict to points where they are in a better position than Germany, namely, Scandinavia or the Near East, as seen in the movements of the British naval forces off the Norwegian coasts and the British-French military reinforcements in the Near East.

The semi-official "Il Telegrafo" contends that the Reich has nothing to gain through extension or the conflict considering Soviet economic assistance and the "excellent relations" Germany has with nations in South-Eastern Europe.—Havas.

GERMANS PREPARING FOR BIG PUSH?

Luxembourg, To-day.

GREAT ACTIVITY AMONG THE German forces on the right bank of the Moselle is reported by the correspondent of the "Obermosel Zeitung" from Remich.

The correspondent declares that trains have never been so numerous and that long columns of lorries, infantry and cavalry are visible, while munition and supply columns are reported to be moving day and night.

The Echternach correspondent of the same paper reports, with all reserve, that Field-Marshal Goering and four generals halted on Saturday at Echternach Bridge which leads across the Sauer River from Germany into Luxembourg.—Reuter.

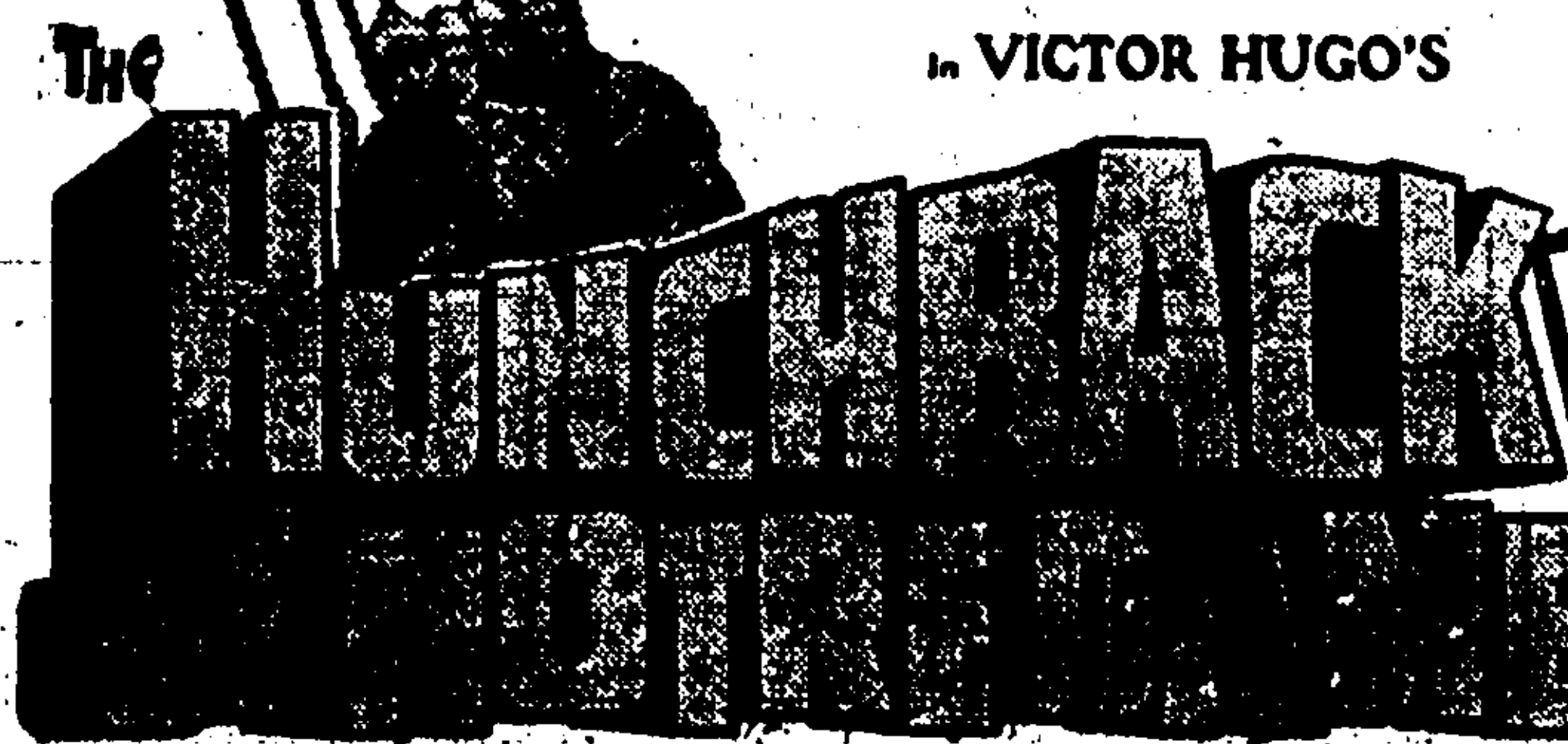
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FRENCH COMMENT ON THE WELLES MISSION

Paris, To-day.

THE FRENCH PRESS yesterday stressed the contrast in the speeches of Mr. Chamberlain and Hitler and particularly the "left tone" of the latter's fulminations. Mr. Sumner Welles was another subject of comment.

"I hope to accomplish my mission well and quickly," Mr. Welles is quoted as saying on his landing at Naples.

"Excelsior" comments that if it were not for the gravity of the situation we would say that Mr. Welles comes in the nick of time.

The paper hopes that President Roosevelt's envoy will open his eyes and endeavour to see and hear the truth of the European situation and that, despite the lies of Berlin and Moscow, he will be able to take back with him sufficient to awaken the United States into a more exact notion of that country's duties and responsibilities.

"Petit Parisien" takes up Mr. Welles' hopes of being able to accomplish his work "well and quickly."

The paper says one will subscribe to this hope, providing that "quickly" does not mean "in a hurry." It suggests that he will be failing in his mission if, after hearing what "Hitler and his henchmen" have to say, he does not hear what Burckhardt, Gafencu and other neutrals have to say.

SHOULD MEET OTHER THAN OFFICIALS

Also, he will have no real idea of what Hitler means by "vital living space" unless he visits Warsaw, Prague and Vienna and meets other than officials.

"Excelsior" calls Mr. Chamberlain's speech a "generous speech," Hitler's a "furious diatribe."

"La Justice" says that the speeches present two conceptions of the war. Hitler's address displayed a "Communist policy." The Nazi and Soviet regimes resemble each other. Both were instituted on the same standard of misery and oppression, and the two leaders have the same contempt for human values.

The choice between one or the other, comments the paper, is like a choice between the plague and cholera! — Reuter.

D.F.C. DECORATION

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS HAS BEEN AWARDED TO SQUADRON LEADER ANDREW DOUGLAS FARQUHAR, OF THE AUXILIARY AIR FORCE, IN RECOGNITION OF GALLANTRY DISPLAYED AGAINST THE ENEMY.

The Air Ministry states that Farquhar "led the squadron with magnificent dash and courage on several occasions," and, during this month, while on patrol, brought down an enemy plane by shooting so accurate that only a small amount of ammunition was expended. — Reuter.

MOSLEM BACKING FOR ALLIES

London, To-day.

The Cairo paper "Ahrma," in an article written by Ahmed Kokhtar, a Deputy, entitled "England and Islam," draws a striking comparison between the fate of the Moslems under Britain and under Nazis and Bolsheviks.

Ahmed Mokhtar relates how during a visit to India, he was pleased to observe how Moslems enjoyed every religious and cultural liberty "and not only in India but in all parts of the British Empire."

He goes on to describe a massacre of Moslems and persecutions under the Bolsheviks, "who oppress the religious beliefs of the Moslems and confiscate their schools and mosques. Such is the life of Moslems under brutal Bolshevism."

"Regarding the Nazis, the human mind cannot imagine what the Moslems might suffer if they fell under a Nazi regime."

PLENTY OF EXAMPLES

"We have plenty of examples of the atrocities they commit against the conquered without any regard for sacred, human rights, and we do not doubt that all Moslem leaders appreciate the peril of the present moment."

"We shall find no way of escaping the threats of Bolshevism and Nazism and exterminating them except by co-operating with Britain and France until victory over the aggressors has been obtained. Our interest is the interest of world peace which lies in the victory of Britain." — Reuter.

LORD TWEEDSMUIR'S ASHES IN OXFORD

London, To-day.

The ashes of Lord Tweedsmuir, landed from a warship yesterday, were taken to the little village, Elsfield, north of Oxford, where Lord Tweedsmuir made his home for many years. — Reuter.

By George McManus

Bringing Up Father



EYE-WITNESS ON ALTMARK DRAMA

THRILLING STORY OF EXPLOIT IN JOSSING FIORD

London, To-day.

A DESCRIPTION OF the release by H.M.S. Cossack of the prisoners from the Altmark was given this evening in a broadcast by a "Naval Eyewitness" who related how, but for the description of the Altmark given by the Graf Spee's prisoners who were released in Montevideo that the ship would have passed from knowledge until she and her 299 prisoners reached Germany.

But, that description was known to three R.A.F. reconnaissance machines who on February 16 sighted a ship answering the Altmark's description.

Diving low over the stern, they were able to read her name and reported her position.

On the afternoon of that day the force of destroyers sent to intercept her, sighted the Altmark. She was then steaming south, hugging the Norwegian coast and escorted by two Norwegian gunboats. At the point where the southern end of Norway curves a little east there is a little fiord called Jossing Fiord.

The entrance is only 200 yards wide and the inlet extends inland a little over mile.

The Altmark turned into this fiord accompanied by her Norwegian escort. It seemed incredible to the Senior Officer of H.M.S. Cossack that the Altmark should be ceremoniously conducted on a voyage to Germany by Norwegian men-of-war if she really had three hundred prisoners on board.

Cossack, accordingly, followed the Norwegian gunboats into Jossing Fiord to ask for enlightenment. Altmark proceeded some distance up the fiord and the two gunboats turned to meet Cossack.

NORWEGIAN ASSERTION

The Norwegian officers stated emphatically that the Altmark had been examined the previous day, she was authorised to travel through territorial waters with a Norwegian pilot on board, that she carried no armament and that he was ignorant of the presence of any British prisoners.

Accepting the statement without question, Cossack immediately withdrew outside territorial waters and asked for Admiralty instructions.

They were curt and perfectly clear.

If the British prisoners were not on board Altmark, where were they? Only one person could answer the question and that was the captain of the Altmark.

Cossack again entered Jossing Fiord to solve the mystery. The beam of Cossack's searchlight immediately located the Altmark in the pack ice at the far end of the fiord. The Altmark also switched on a searchlight and directed it on Cossack's bridge trying to impede her navigation and began signalling with a morse lamp the rather redundant information that she was in Norway.

GUNBOAT CLOSES

One Norwegian gunboat closed Cossack and the latter asked permission to send a joint British and Norwegian search party on board the Altmark in the Norwegian gunboat.

The Norwegian captain replied that his ship was not able to reach the Altmark through the ice but he finally consented to go in Cossack and accompany the boarding party.

The Altmark was now manoeuvring stern first out of the ice towards Cossack in an endeavour to ram her. By most dexterous handling, the captain of H.M.S. Cossack laid his bows alongside the stern of the Altmark and the First Lieutenant jumped to the Altmark's poop, caught a rope flung to him and secured the two ships together.

A boarding party of 30 men and two officers were in readiness, the officers armed with revolvers and the men with rifles and bayonets.

As a precaution against impulsive shooting, the cutouts of the rifles were closed and only the magazines were loaded.

NO-ONE VISIBLE

Immediately the ships were secured, the boarding party leaped on board. The upper deck of the Altmark was brightly illuminated and there not a soul visible. Followed by a party of men, the First Lieutenant ran forward along the plank bridge spanning the after welldeck and came to a steel door leading to the bridge and superstructure.

Bursting through, they were confronted by a German officer with a pistol levelled at them.

Realising the futility of it, he shrugged his shoulders and threw it on the deck.

The Captain and officers were found on the bridge, working the engine telegraphs and sullenly admitted that they had British prisoners on board. The telegraphs were promptly stopped, but by this time the Altmark had so much stern way that she grounded stern first on the rocks on the opposite side of the fiord.

COSSACK SLIPS CLEAR

Cossack cast off and slipped clear of the Altmark to avoid sharing her fate on the rocks.

While the First Lieutenant was getting control of the bridge, a Lieutenant and a Gunner were rounding up the German crew between decks.

Suddenly a shot rang out in one of the alley-ways and the Gunner fell seriously wounded. He taken to the sick bay where a German doctor attended him.

Little melees were going on all over the ship as the Germans were overpowered and placed under guard. A boat full of Germans had been lowered and dropped through the ice, smashing it.

These men stayed where they were, clinging to life lines. Another party escaped with rifles across the ice to the shore.

INTERMITTENT FIRE

They, presumably, were the armed guard from the Graf Spee put on board to guard the prisoners. They kept up an intermittent fire from land but hit nobody.

Once the officers were under guard, the First Lieutenant took the Captain down to show him where the prisoners were. The sentries had fled with the keys.

The British boarding party smashed the locks with rifle butts and prised off the heavy hatches to the hold.

"The Navy's here," they shouted, "Come up out of it." The 299 men came out and mustered on the fore-castle, cheering wildly.

Cossack then came alongside the bow and the prisoners were transferred with their belongings.

GERMAN RESCUED

She was delayed by a rescue from the water of a German seaman who jumped overboard.

What his motives were in doing so are unknown because he died on the passage to England.

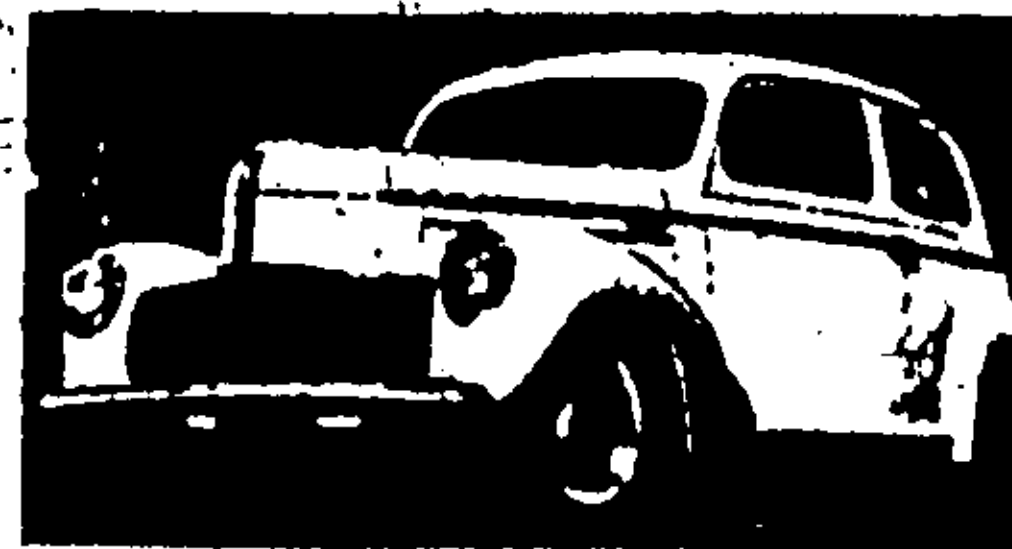
The German officers and crew were brought on to the Altmark's fore-castle and the boarding party carried the wounded officer with them, re-embarking in Cossack.

Once more, H. M. S. Cossack turned her bows towards the entrance and started home.—British Wireless.

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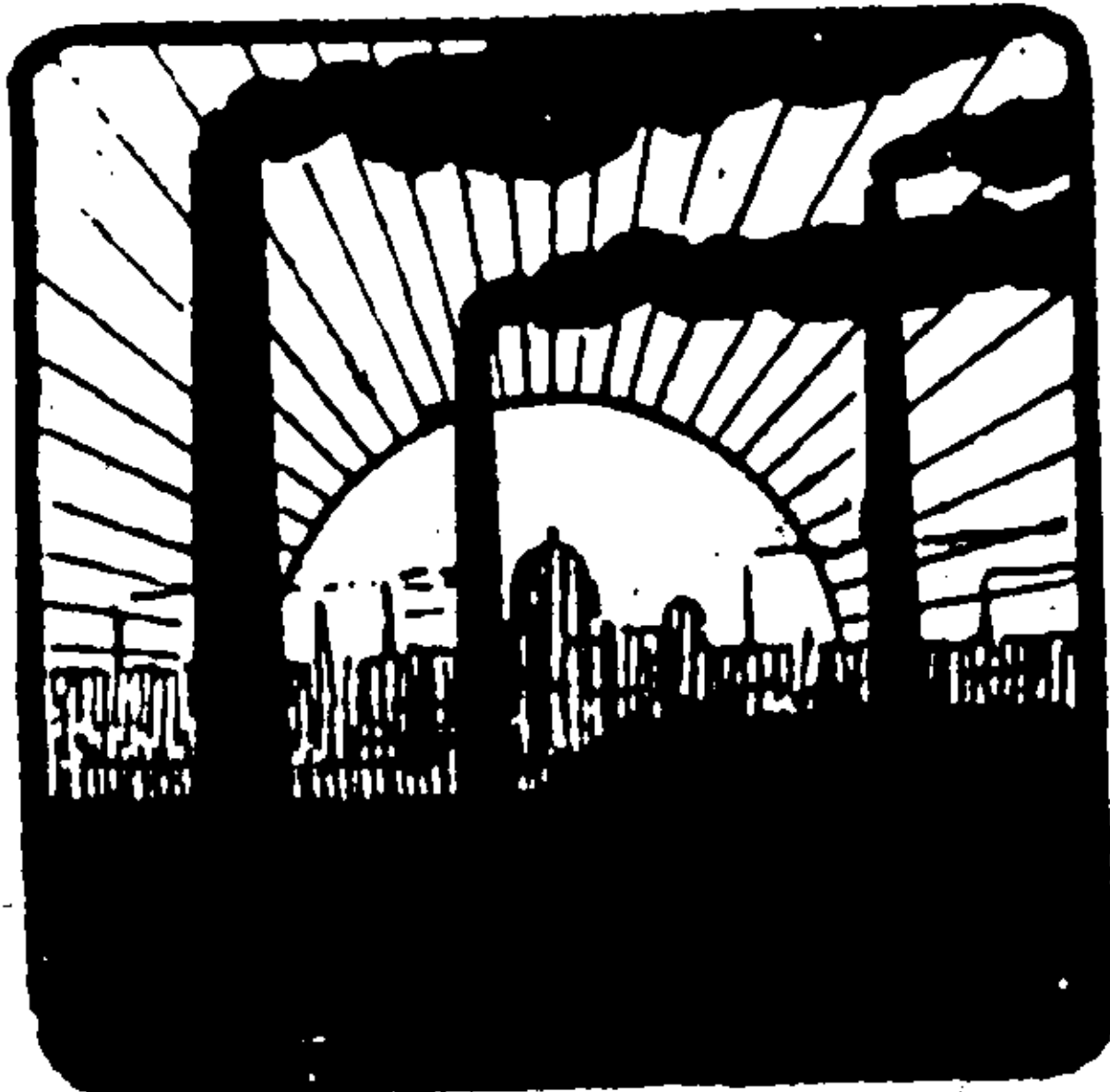
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APPROVAL OF MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S STATEMENT

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THE CONTRAST BETWEEN the speeches of Hitler and Mr. Chamberlain was the subject of comment in the newspapers of the world yesterday. In London, the papers expressed warm approval of Mr. Chamberlain's speech and several of them, including "The Times" and the "Manchester Guardian," quoted in their leading articles those passages in Mr. Chamberlain's speech in which he set out the Allied peace aims.

The Labour paper "Daily Herald" also stressed Mr. Chamberlain's statement that under the present German Government there could be no security for the future. All would welcome a peace based on negotiations, but the negotiations must be with German rulers who can guarantee their honesty by freeing the countries which they have invaded.

This reference to the Poles and the Czechs is also stressed in other papers both home and abroad.

Commenting on Hitler's diatribe, the "Daily Express" comments on Hitler's move "to the left," and contrasts this with what he wrote in "Mein Kampf," in which he hoped to fight Russia with British approval, posing as the enemy of Bolshevism.

Now, he is fighting England with Russian support—so he poses as the enemy of capitalism!

His speech contained nothing but threats and displayed no originality. It was a tap-room speech.

MODEST BASIS

Typical of American comment is that of the "New York Herald Tribune," which says that Mr. Chamberlain did not propound peace plans, but put forward a modest basis for the kind of peace which could be obtained if, for instance, the German Army overthrew the Nazis and offered to make a reasonable settlement.

In contrast to this was Hitler's ruthless, inhumane diatribe. One has only to put the two speeches together to realise where lie the better conditions for Europe and the world.

BRITAIN'S COST AT N.Y. WORLD FAIR

London, To-day.

It was disclosed in a Commons reply that though precise plans for the participation by His Majesty's Government in the New York World's Fair, 1940, have not yet been finally determined, it was anticipated that the total cost to H. M. Government would be between fifty and sixty thousands of pounds.—British Wire-
less.

KING DECORATES NAVAL MEN

London, To-day.

The King and Queen stood on the quayside at an East Coast port yesterday and talked with five of the men who were rescued by H.M.S. Cossack from the German auxiliary warship "Altmark."

The men who were looking little the worse for their experience laughed and joked about their imprisonment.

The King also visited an East of Scotland dockyard and decorated eight more naval heroes, including Commander L. A. K. Boswell, who received the D.S.O., and Lieutenant-Commander D. L. Sammeretz, who was awarded the D.S.C.

Details of the deeds of the recipients were not announced, but each award was given for gallantry.

INSPECTION TOUR

The King, who was wearing the uniform of Admiral of the Fleet, afterwards boarded a warship and inspected an establishment where five hundred apprentices are being trained as artificers, and an aerodrome which is the training station for the Fleet Air Arm.

Here, His Majesty inspected a parade of Air Force officers and men, naval officers and members of the Women's Royal Naval Service.—Reuter.

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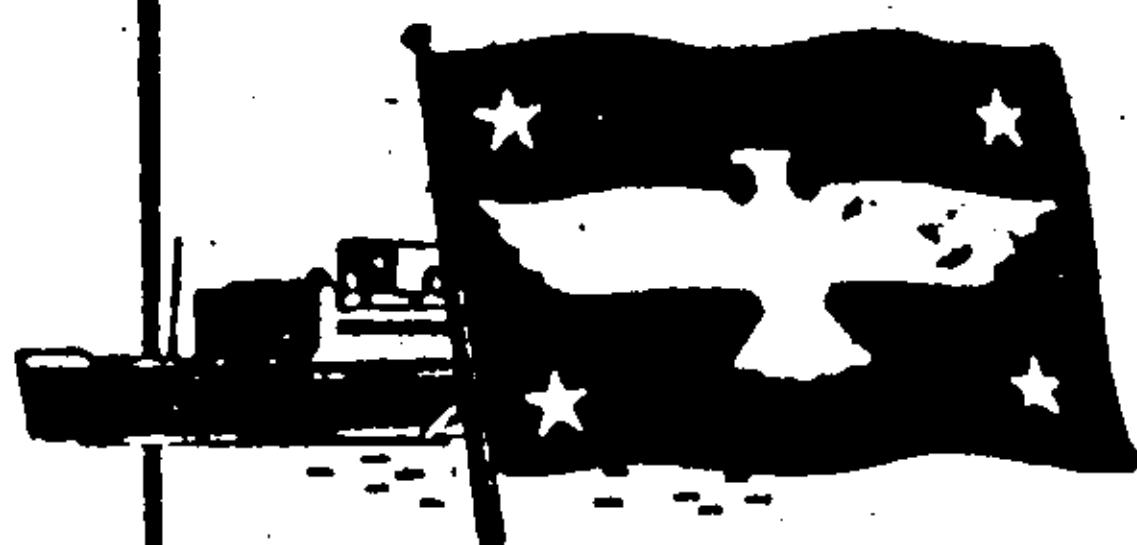
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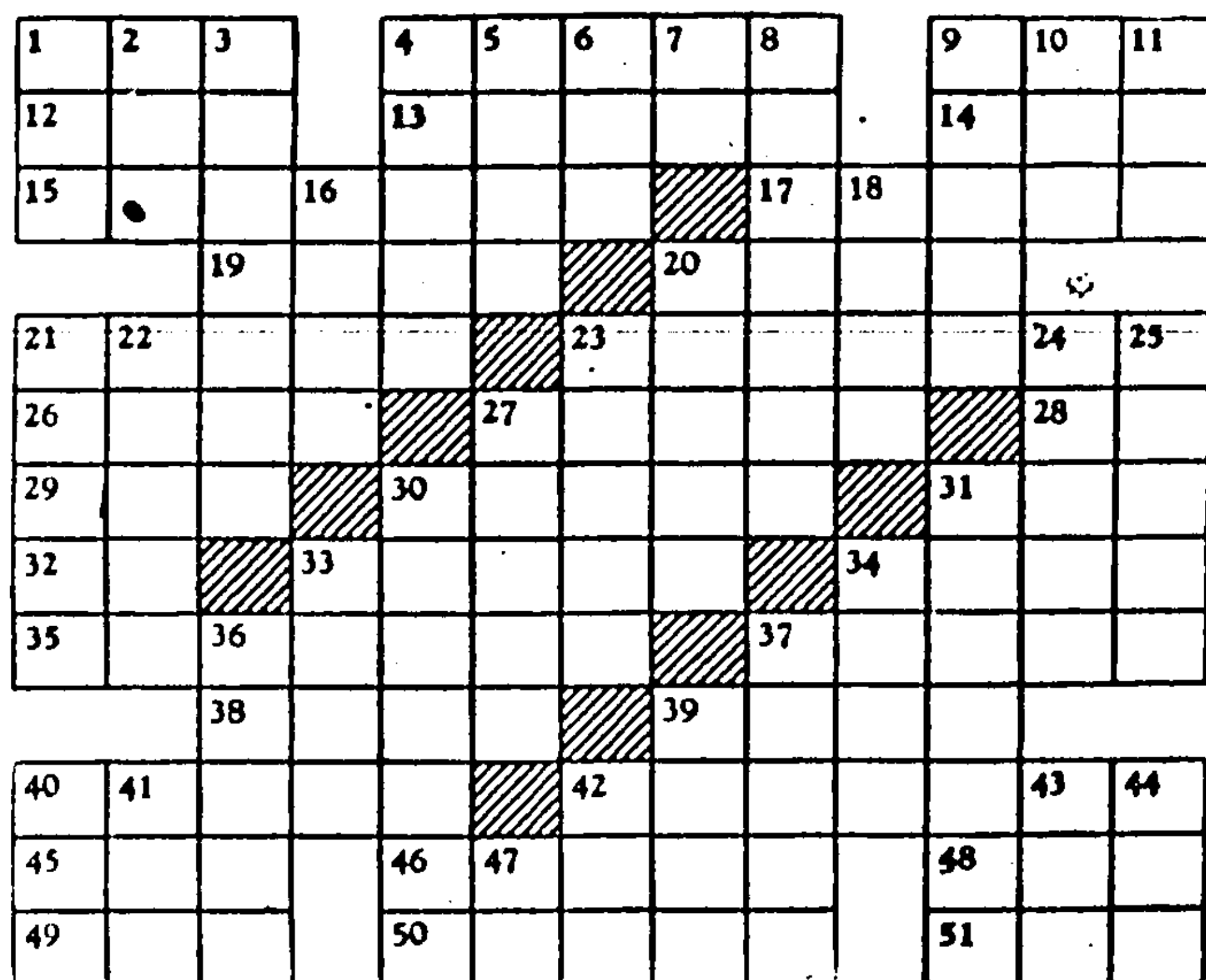
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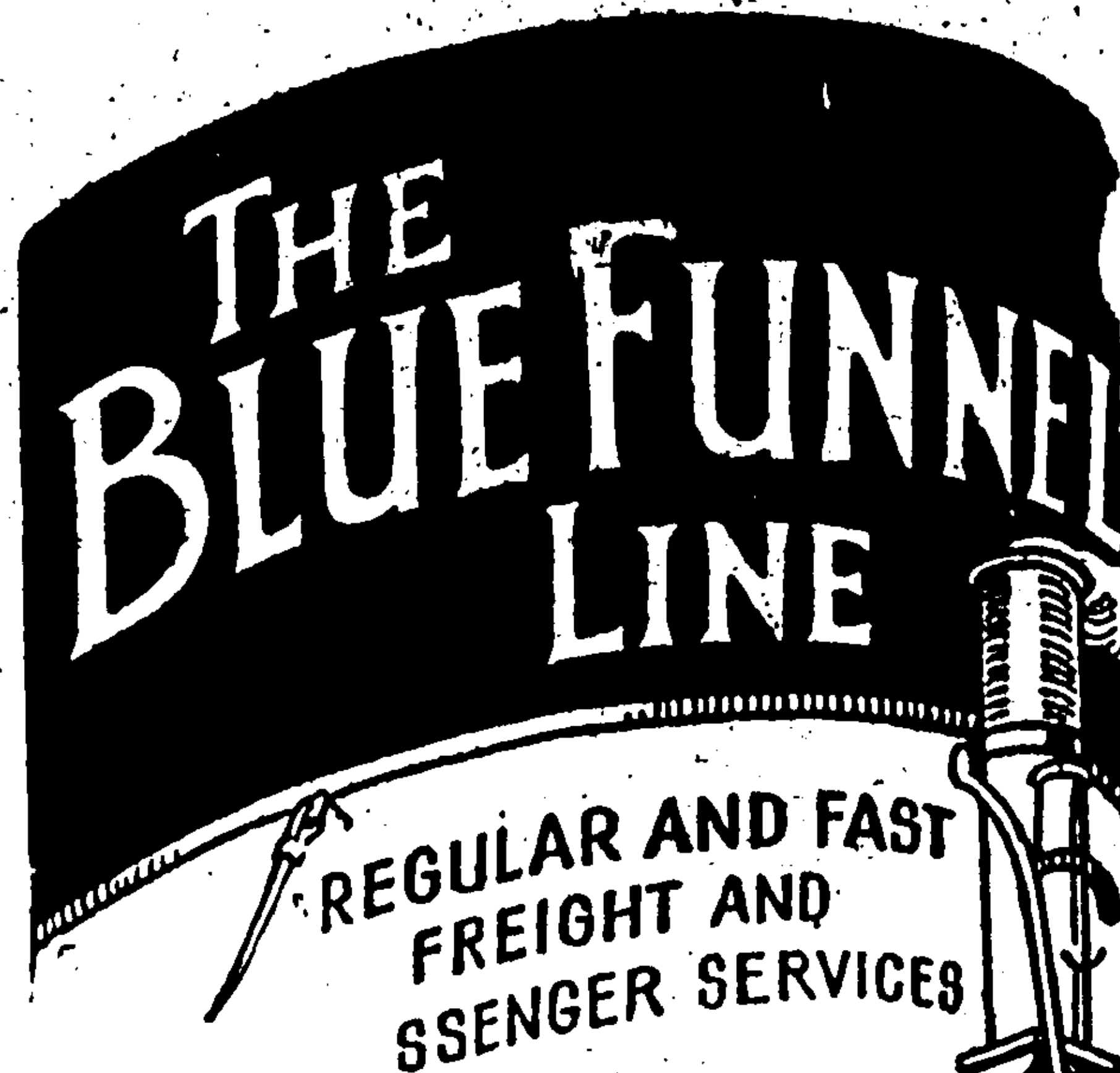
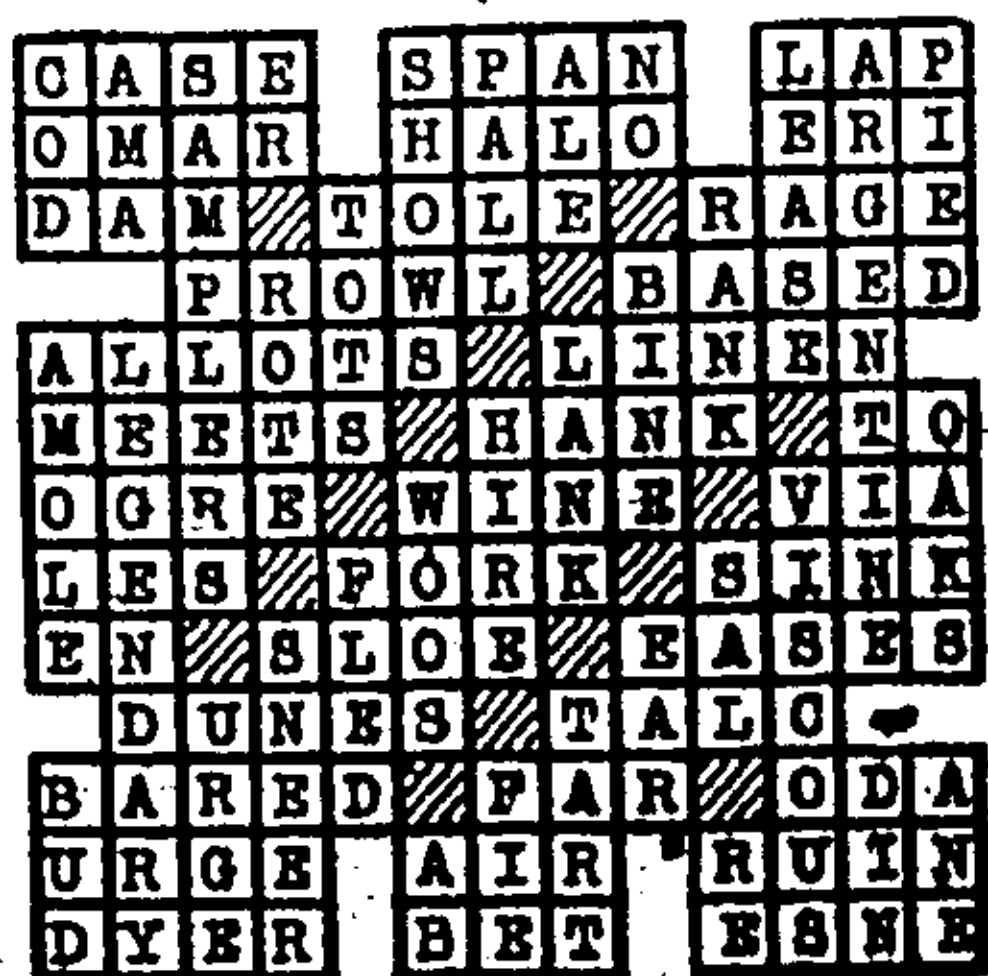
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- 1 To disfigure
- 4 Vapour
- 9 High mountain
- 12 Palm leaf
- 13 Equine
- 14 Pheasant nest
- 15 Padding
- 17 Former magistrates
- 19 Electric particles
- 20 Father
- 21 Trite
- 23 Hesitated
- 26 Small particle
- 27 Dish
- 28 Negative
- 29 To piece out
- 30 Part of fireplace
- 31 Jackdaw
- 32 Pronoun
- 33 Salt
- 34 To quote
- 35 Entrapping
- 37 Lid
- 38 Liquid measure
- 39 Bird

VERTICAL

- 1 To cut
- 2 Wing
- 3 To diffuse
- 4 To glow
- 5 Weights
- 6 Unit of work
- 7 Like
- 8 To interpose
- 9 Attendant spirit
- 10 Caustic substance
- 11 Footlike part
- 16 Allowance
- 18 Voided escutcheon
- 20 To affirm
- 21 Mergansers
- 22 Gift
- 23 Cant
- 24 Growing out
- 25 Widow's portion
- 27 Impression
- 30 Smiled
- 31 Separate
- 33 Kind of cheese
- 34 Inlet
- 36 Fruit
- 37 To desire
- 39 Part of pedestal
- 40 Literary scraps
- 41 To lap
- 42 To touch lightly
- 43 Currently
- 44 To petition
- 47 Brother of Odin

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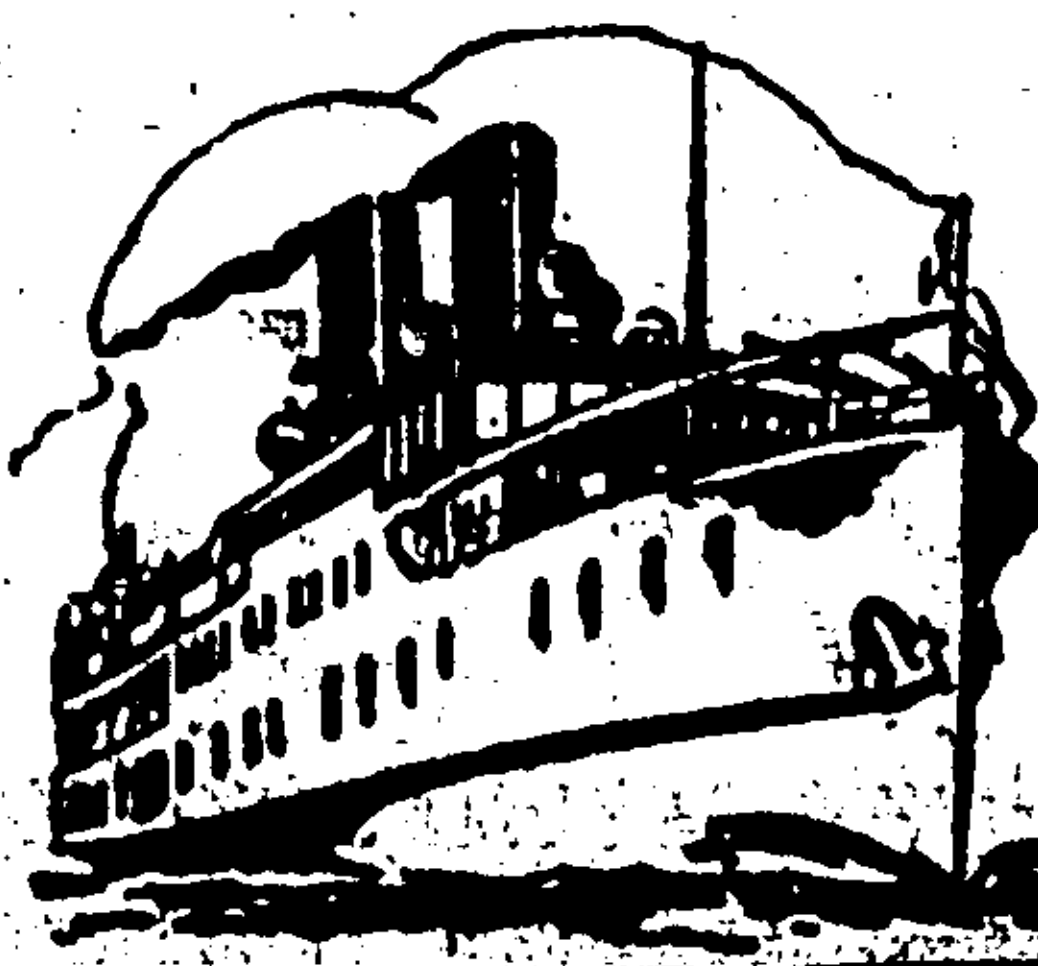
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RED INDIANS ABANDON SWASTIKA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.
Hatred of the Nazis has spread to Red Indian tribes in Arizona: reports from Tucson stated that the Indians have decided to give up the swastika as their tribal insignia.

In the course of a solemn ceremony all blankets and wickets, bearing the swastika, were piled up and set on fire.

A proclamation, signed by four tribal chiefs, banned the use of the swastika which "considered for centuries as a symbol of friendship by our ancestors, has been profaned by another nation."—Havas.

CLIPPER DECISION

New York, To-day.
Pan-American Airways announce that the trans-Atlantic Clipper will not stop at the Bahamas on the way to Europe, as from March 15.—Reuter.

U.S. TRADE PROGRAMME FOR PEACE

London, To-day.
WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.
A RESOLUTION FOR CONTINUING THE UNITED STATES' PRESENT TRADE PACT PROGRAMME FOR THREE YEARS FROM JUNE 12, WHICH WAS APPROVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON FRIDAY, WILL BE CONSIDERED IN THE SENATE THIS WEEK.

The resolution is expected to receive a majority of at least eight in the Senate.

Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, addressing the Senate Finance Committee, declared that the continuance of the trade programme was necessary to help establish sound world conditions after the war.

Mr. Hull said: "Unless we continue to maintain our position of leadership in the promotion of liberal trade policies and urge upon others the need for adopting such policies as a basis for post-war economic reconstruction, the future will be dark indeed."

"At the termination of hostilities there will be an unprecedented need all over the world for vastly increased production of useful goods of every

kind. Only if this vital need is met can our country and all countries hope for full employment and higher living standards."

Washington is jubilant at the House's approval of the resolution.—Reuter.

INDIAN CONSTABLE ACCUSED

An Indian constable, Mohamed Ajaib, attached to No. 7, Police Station, and Li Chung, were charged before Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, with conspiracy to obtain money from Wong Cheong.

Mohamed Ajaib was further charged with obtaining two cents from Wong through second defendant, Li. Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for the Indian constable.

Hearing was fixed for March 14, at 2.30 p.m., and defendants were allowed bail of \$250 each.

Detective Sergeant R. Mcvey is in charge of the case.

EXPEDITION INTO GERMANY

(Continued from Page 5).

and he spoke freely. I mention it here because it fits in.

"We are so sick of the Goebbels radio stuff," said this young officer. "Especially after the hysterical exhibition over the Admiral Graf Spee business they announced as a great victory! Disgusting."

"We don't listen to his beastly broadcasts any more. We listen to the High Command communique and then switch off."

"The High Command tell the truth. That's what we want, we soldiers. We don't have to be told a lot of lies to make us fight. We fight because our country is at war."

The Spee—"Quite Right"

"Often we listen to the foreign broadcasts, even though it's forbidden to do so. We don't stop the soldiers from doing so either. I know all my men. I was in the ranks with them. I trust them."

"They debate the foreign news among themselves. This, they say, may be true; this is probably a lie. And so on. But Goebbels—ugh! We are done with him."

I got on to the subject of the Graf Spee with my lonely soldier friend. He said: "Nothing in it. It was a defeat all right, but nothing to be ashamed of. Three against one."

"If the Uruguayans had given her time to repair it would not have been much different either, for the British would have had their heavier ships waiting for her. Quite right to scuttle her."

And that, I think, is just about as good a summing-up of the average German reaction to the Graf Spee defeat as I got.

Only once did I come across a man who said the scuttling was shameful. But then he was an exceptional case. He was an old naval officer.

Of the Russians the soldier said that he expected great things from their economic help. The Finns, he said, should have given way to the Russians.

"And, anyhow," said this half-Aryan who cannot be promoted because his mother was a Jewess, "the Fuehrer knows best." Yes, sir, after all that he had said and all that he himself had gone through, he came out with that: "The Fuehrer knows best!" It did not sound an empty phrase. It was rather as though you in England would say: "Orders are orders." At the other tables the New Year worshippers were jumping up and shouting: "Prost Neujahr." The soldier and I got up and we clinked glasses. "Prost Neujahr," we said, and drank some more beer and gin. The bald-headed ones and the girls formed up in a kind of Bacchanalian revel, dancing in among the tables.

"Prost Neujahr—why don't you join us?" one of the girls shrieked, flourishing a glass, and twitched my handkerchief from my breast pocket.

The soldier and I sat down again. We did not join the revellers. Then all the lights went out, so that the bald-headed ones might kiss their girls without shame.

When the lights came on again, the soldier said he had to be going. I, too, paid my bill, and went to my room.

It was icy cold. There was no heating. They had run out of coal. But the floor waiter brought me an electric stove, which I plugged into a socket.

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LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 13/16. Silver was quoted at 20-3/16 spot and 20-1/4 forward.

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London, To-day.

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While some sections of the market discussed for some time a cut of between 30 and 40 per cent., the decision came as a surprise to the majority of tin dealers, and such a reduction in the quota had not been discounted in trading.

Market circles agree that under the new quota production approximates to current consumption but leaves no margin for possible contingencies.

At the same time it is not overlooked that the United Kingdom stock position is now comfortable as evidenced by the readiness of the authorities to grant export licences more freely.

Some are of the opinion that the Committee's decision may have been influenced by possible representations from Netherland interests for a higher price in view of the 14 per cent. decline in the value of sterling since the war.

It is opined that any such claim would undoubtedly be supported by the British in view of the importance of tin as a source of foreign exchange. — Reuter.

EFFECTS OF BLOCKADE

London, To-day.

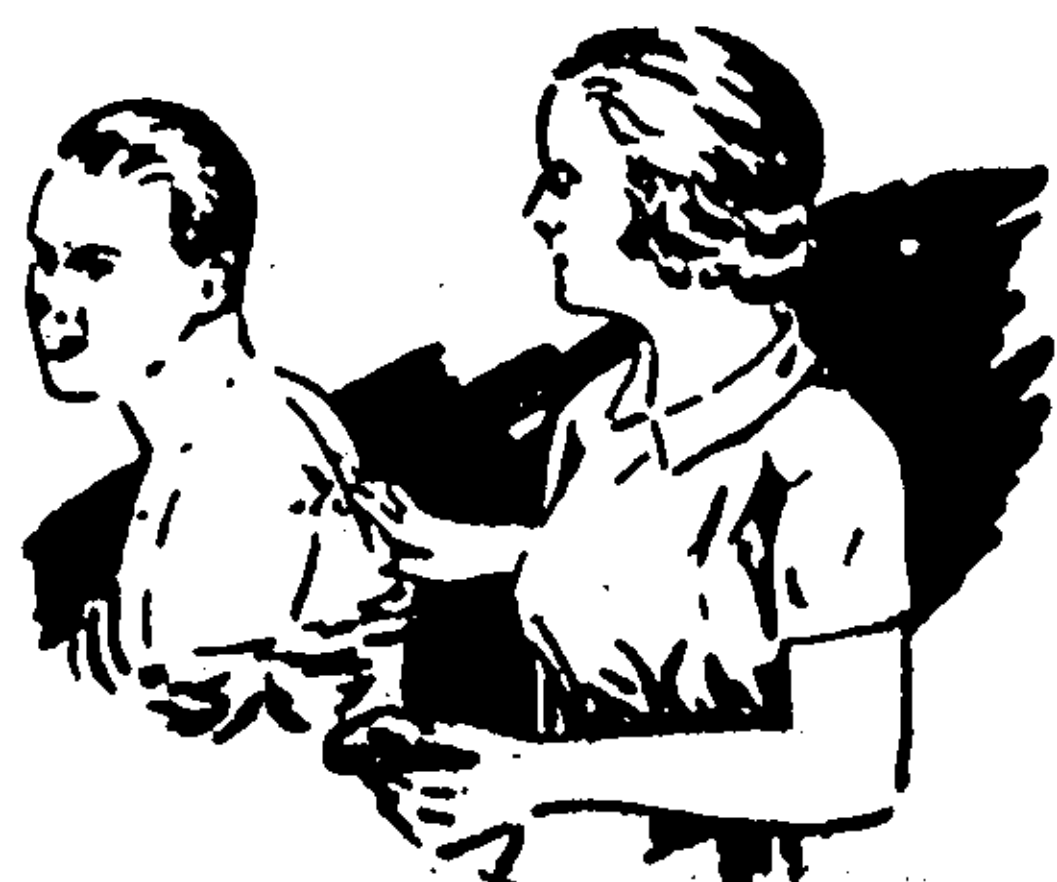
Qualified economic observers in London assess the value per month of German exports affected by Allied reprisal measures at between forty and fifty million Reichmarks.

This is the value of German exports which cannot be diverted from the sea routes.

Coal for Italy and engineering and chemical products for the Far East Latin America and the Iberian Peninsula are among the items affected in this connexion.

Reduction of German exports is also considered likely to curtail imports of lead, nickel, tin and copper valued at over five million Reichmarks per month well as imports of petroleum and rubber.

The view is taken that this situation will force some important branches of the armament industry to reduce both the quality and quantity of their output. — British Wireless.



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COST OF THE N.Y. WORLD FAIR

London, To-day.

A supplementary estimate for 1939 is issued regarding the numbers of officers and men required for Army service, in addition to the numbers already voted.

It is stated that numbers already voted for the year, totalling 275,000, have been very substantially exceeded.

The purpose of this supplementary estimate is to obtain Parliamentary authority for such additional numbers of officers and men as may be necessary. — British Wireless.

New York, To-day.

Thirty-two countries, including Great Britain, Czechoslovakia and Finland have hitherto accepted President Roosevelt's invitation to participate in the World's Fair this year, it is announced by Mr. Grover Whalen, president of the fair, who adds that acceptances from 14 others are on the way.

This makes a total of 46 countries which are exhibiting as compared with 61 in 1939.

Mr. Whalen said that Britain had officially accepted despite the Fair

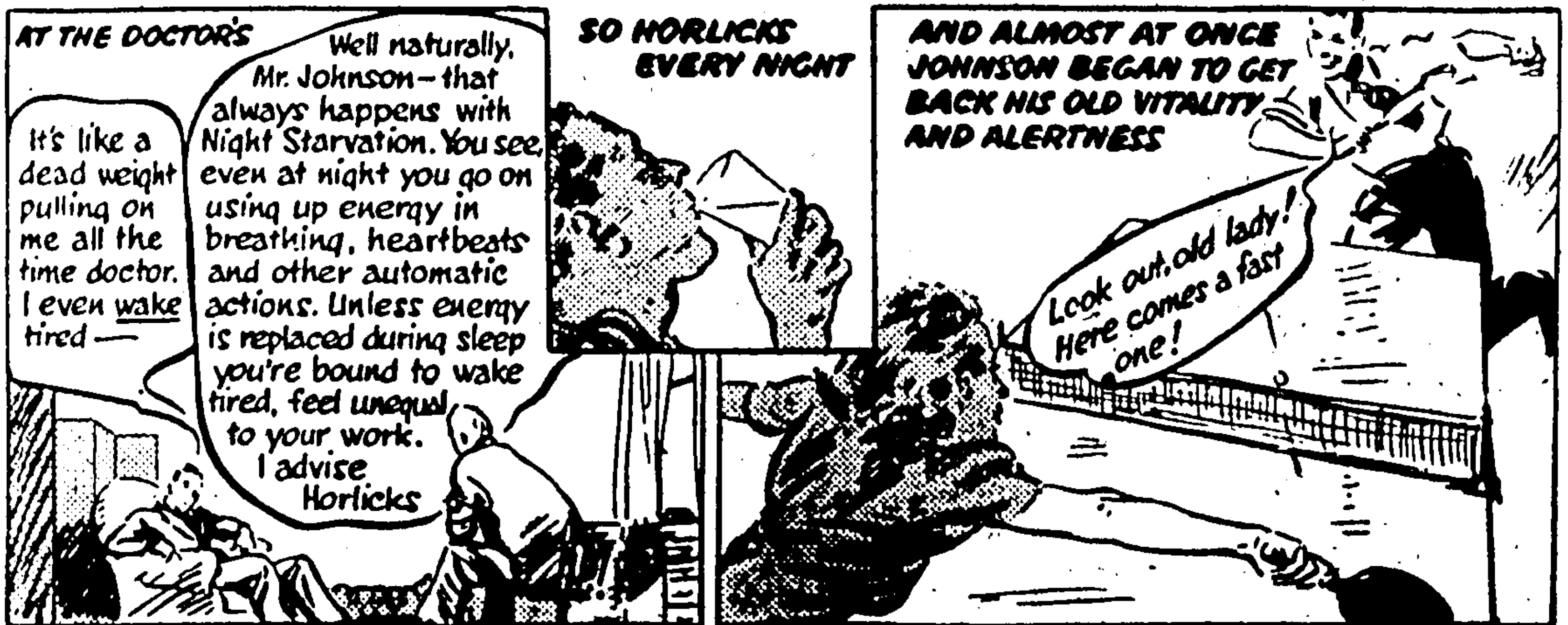
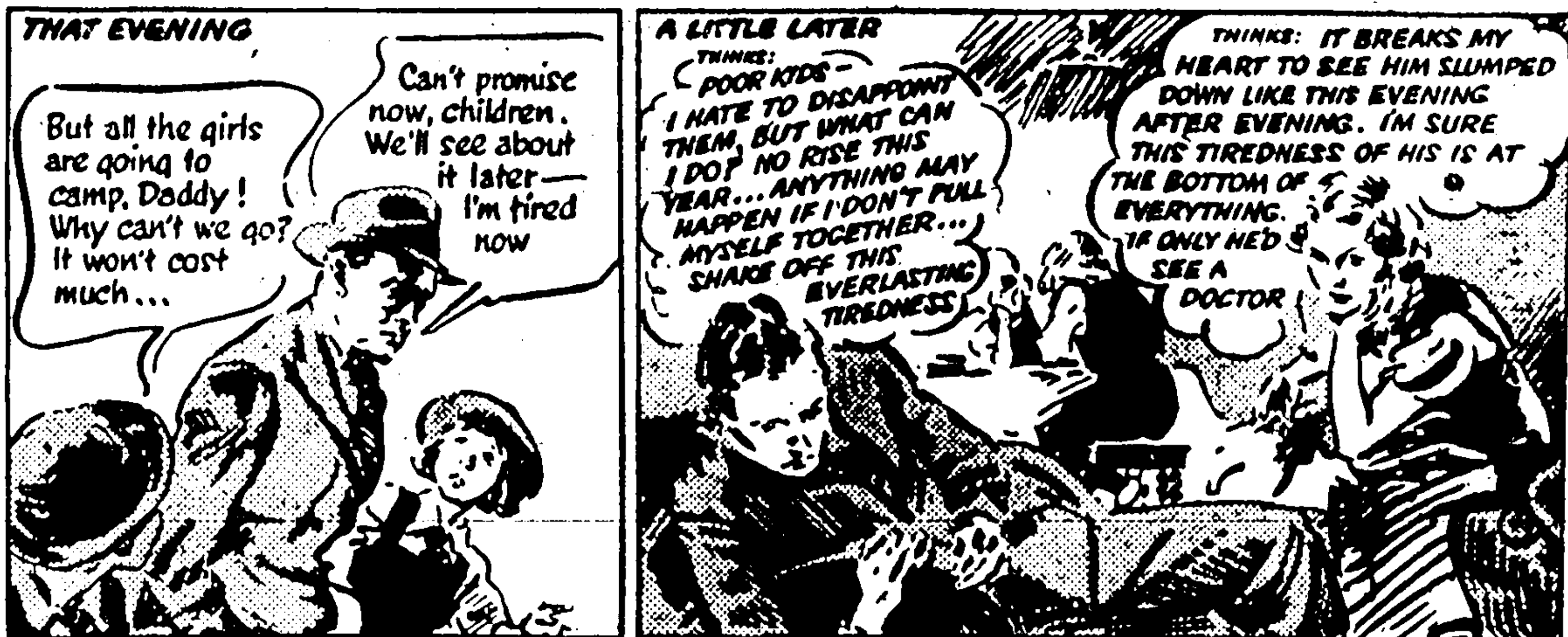
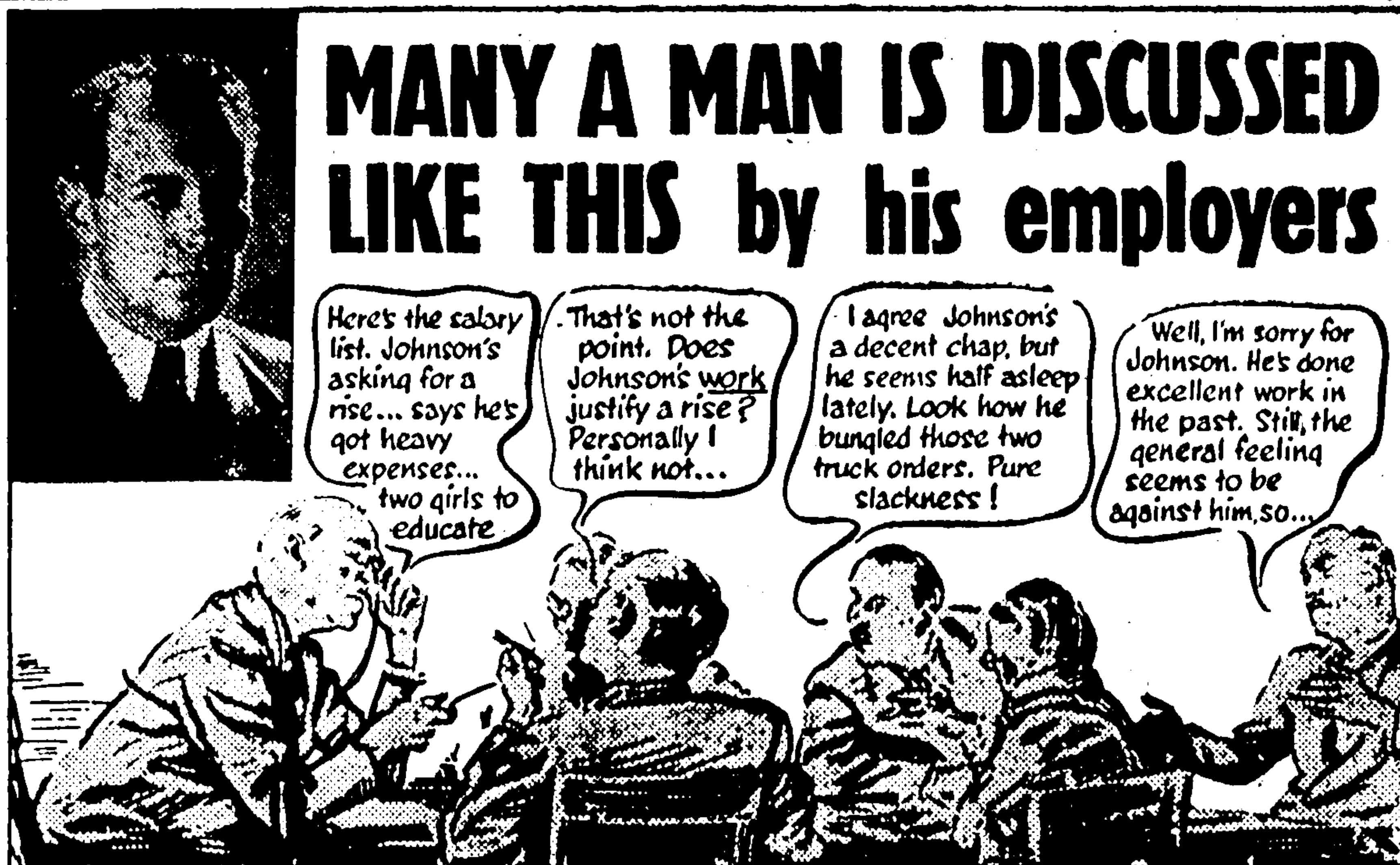
KOWLOON CITY FIRE

Two large wooden buildings were gutted by fire shortly after midnight to-day in Nga Tsun Long Village in Kowloon City.

The 20 inmates lost all their belongings but none were injured.

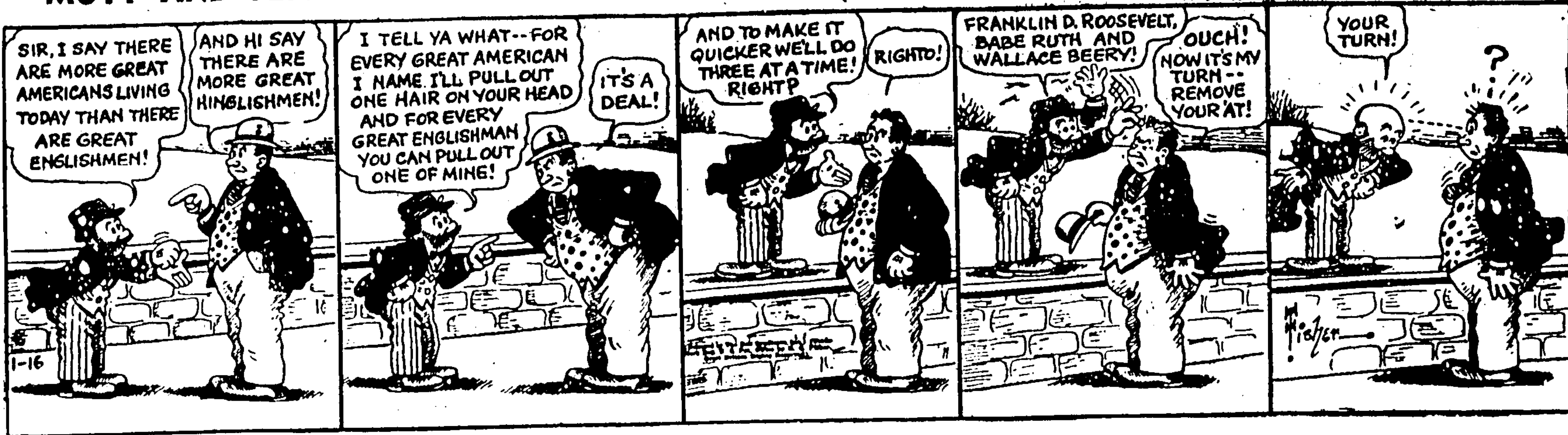
Raki Ram, driving a car in Pokfulam Road near Bonham Road yesterday, knocked down a five-year-old Chinese boy, Wong Shu-sang, who died after admission to Queen Mary Hospital.

Corporation's refusal to finance or help finance her exhibit. — Reuter.



MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



Schubert Symphony
No. 7
In C Major

To-day's Wireless

'Cards On The Table'
And Some
Quilter Music

6.00 p.m.—An hour of Dance Music and Variety.
Slow Fox-Trot—Moon Love; Fox-Trot—White Sails.... Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.
Vocal—Danny Boy (film 'Shipyard Sally'); Wish Me Luck (film 'Shipyard Sally').... Gracie Fields with Choir and Orchestra.
Piano—I've Got You Under My Skin (film 'Born to Dance'); In The Chapel In The Moonlight (Hill).... Peter Yorke.
Fox-Trot—The Pretty Little Quaker Girl (Hunter & Parr-Davies); Waltz—Little Sir Echo (Smith & Others).... Mantovani & His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus.
Vocal—Stardust (Carmichael); Chloe (Song of the Swamp—Kahn & Moret).... The Radio Three with Their Rhythmic Escorts.
Cinema Organ—"The King Steps Out" Medley (Kreisler).... Reginald Foort.

ZBW 355 M. (845 k.c.'s) and 31.49 M.
9.52 Megacycles

Piano—Lambeth Walk after Verdi, Beethoven, Mozart, Chopin and Liszt (arr. Rayston).... Frank Rayston.
Fox-Trots—Anita; I Used To Love You.... "Fats" Waller & His Rhythm with Vocal Refrain & Piano by "Fats" Waller.
Vocal—Au Revoir But Not Goodbye (Gilbert); Moon Love (David & Others).... Al Bowlly with Orch.
Fox-Trot—Day In—Day Out.... Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.
7.00 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
7.02 p.m.—Billy Mayerl "Four Aces" Suite. Raie Da Costa (Piano).
7.15 p.m.—Studio—A talk on The Auxiliary Nursing Service by Mrs. Peters.
7.22 p.m.—Cinema Organ Solos by

Quentin Maclean.
Little Dolly Daydream (Leslie Stuart).
Lilly of Laguna (Leslie Stuart).
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Compositions of Roger Quilter.
Children's Overture.... New Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.
I Dare Not Ask A Kiss; The Jealous Lover; Music When Soft Voices Die; Love's Philosophy.... Mark Raphael (Baritone) with Roger Quilter at the Piano.
Where The Rainbow Ends—Selection.... Sidney Torch (Organ).
8.30 p.m.—Film Selections.
"King Revel"—Selection.... Felix Mendelssohn & His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus.
"The Story of Vernon and Irene Castle"—Selection.... Louis Levy & His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus.
8.43 p.m.—Dance Music by Brian Lawrence and His Orchestra.

Fox-Trots — Toodle-00; Throwing Peanuts to the Moon; I'm Gonna Kiss Myself Good-Bye; One In A Million (from the film); Roses In December (from 'Life of the Party').... Brian Lawrence (Vocal) with Rhythm Accomp. and the Three Ginx; You're Looking for Romance I'm Looking for Love; Sunset in Vienna (from the film); Quickstep—It's In The Air (from the film); Fox-Trot—The Lady On The Second Floor.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Cards on the Table".
9.45 p.m.—Alfred Cortot (Piano) playing Chopin.
Ballade No. 1 in G Minor, Op. 23.
Ballade No. 2 in F Major, Op. 38.
10.03 p.m.—Some Schubert Songs by Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano).
Near The Beloved, Op. 5, No. 2.
Laughing and Weeping, Op. 59, No. 4.
Night and Dreams, Op. 43, No. 2.
Happiness.
10.13 p.m.—Schubert—Symphony No. 7 in G Major. The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Adrian Boult.
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

Winning CONTRACT

(By The Four Aces)

David Bruce Burnstone, Mervin D. Moler, Oswald Jacoby, Howard Schenken... World's leading Team-of-Four, Inventors of the system that has beaten every other system in existence.

PREPARING A STRIP PLAY

Playing a contract of four hearts, it looked as though South could not escape losing two tricks in diamonds and one each in clubs and spades. However, South, who is a very fine card player, saw that the hand might be made provided (a) trumps were divided, and (b) one of his opponents held only two diamonds, which included the Queen or the King.

South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

♠ K Q 2
 ♥ K 8 6 5
 ♦ A 7 4
 ♣ 9 7 3
 ♠ 7 3
 ♥ 9 4
 ♦ Q 10 8 5
 ♣ K 8 6 5 2
 ♠ A J 10 9
 ♥ 6 5
 ♦ 7 3
 ♣ Q J 4
 ♠ 8 4
 ♥ A Q J 10 2
 ♦ J 9 8 3
 ♣ A 10

The bidding:

| South | West | North | East |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1♥ | Pass | 3♥ | 3♠ |
| 4♥ | Pass | Pass | Pass |

HIGH CARD VALUES OF THE FOUR-ACES SYSTEM

| | |
|-------|---|
| ACE | 3 |
| KING | 2 |
| QUEEN | 1 |
| JACK | 1 |

TOTAL VALUE OF HANDS
AVERAGE HAND 20

South trumped high, then led a diamond. Dummy's Ace and trumped dummy's last club in his hand. Now the stage was set. Declarer drew two rounds of trumps, then

played a diamond and East, thrown on lead with the blank King, had nothing but spades left. As the spade was led, Declarer used his last trump and discarded dummy's remaining diamond.

Of course East could have defeated the contract by a fine play—namely by dropping his King of diamonds on dummy's Ace.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and held:

♠ 10 x x x
 ♥ A x x
 ♦ K x x
 ♣ A K x

The bidding:

| Schenken | Jacoby | You | Burnstone |
|----------|--------|-----|-----------|
| Pass | Pass | (?) | |

ANSWER: Your correct bid is one club. This is one of those rare hands that should be opened with a three-card minor suit bid. You are too weak for one notrump and your spade suit is unbidable.

Score 100 per cent. for one club, 40 per cent. for one notrump or one spade. 0 for pass.

QUESTION NO. 344

You are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and hold:

♠ x x
 ♥ A K x
 ♦ A K x x
 ♣ A K x x

The bidding:

| Burnstone | Moler | You | Jacoby |
|-----------|-------|-----|--------|
| Pass | Pass | (?) | |

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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RHODESIAN WAR EFFORT

London, To-day.

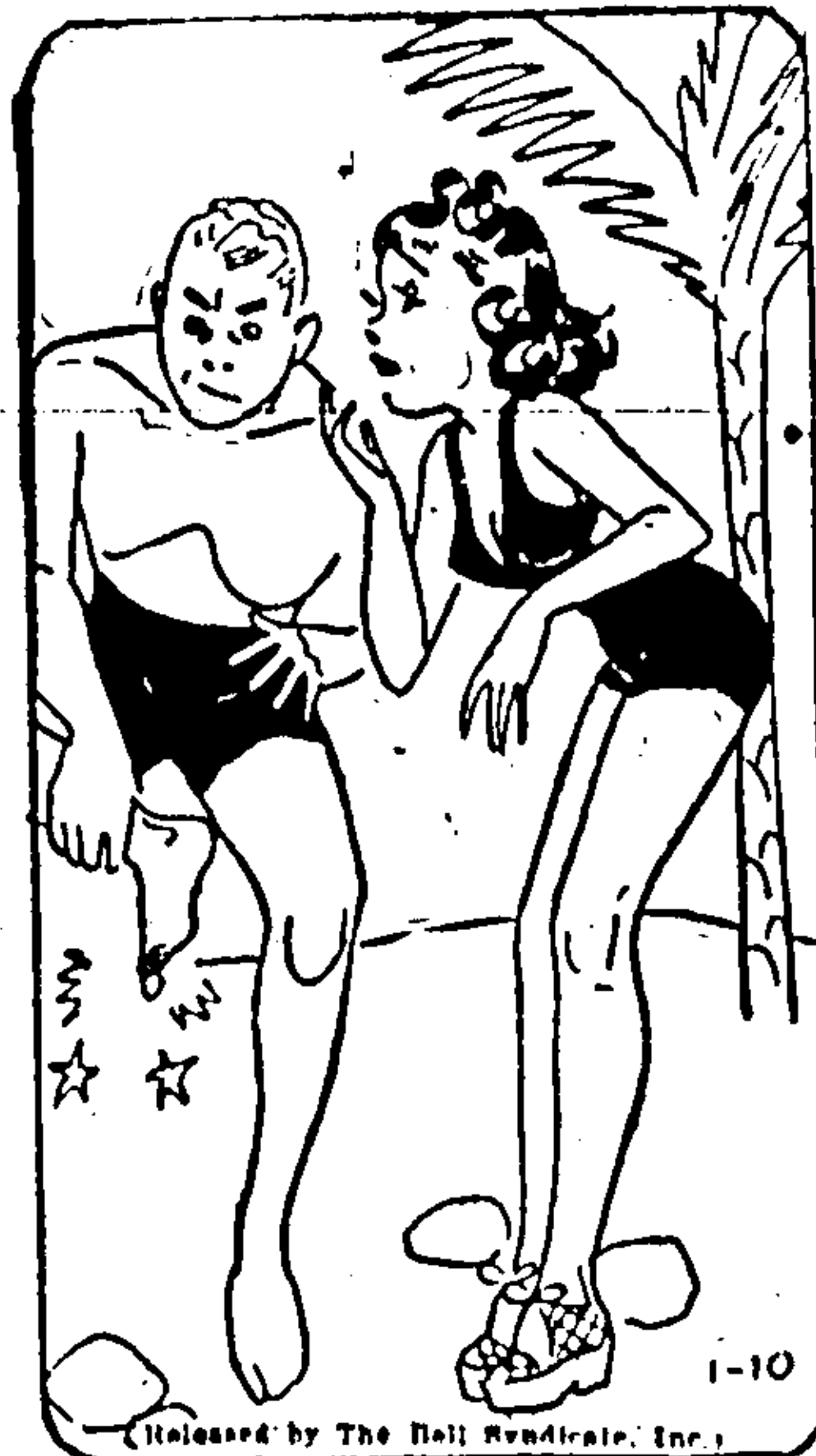
A communique on the recent conversations between the United Kingdom and the Minister of Defence for Southern Rhodesia was issued by the Dominions Office yesterday.

An agreement was reached in principle, says the communique, on the financial aspects of the contribution of Southern Rhodesia to the war, and arrangements were made to use the ground and air forces of Southern Rhodesia to the best possible advantage.—Reuter.

NAZI ATTACKS ON UNARMED SHIPS

London, To-day.

In the Commons yesterday, Mr. R. A. Butler stated that since the outbreak of war to February 22, there had been 128 cases of unarmed British merchant ships, and fishing vessels being attacked by enemy aircraft.—British Wireless.



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SOFTBALL NOTES

Canadian Chinese Button Up The Championship

Plucky Dot Louie, Knocked Out But Carries On

"PAPA BEAR" BILL SMITH TEARS HIS HAIR!

(By "GRANDSTAND")

LIMITING THE RAMBLERETTES to five measly hits, Mary Louie registered another win for her squad when Canadian Chinese subdued Recreio, 15-8.

This just about clinches the championship and the Southard shield for the Canuckettes. Ten wins and one loss, so far. With the exception of the Wildcats, the "Canucks" should have easy sailing for the rest of the season.

Unfortunate Anna Noronha was ganged up by the heavy Canadian sluggers for 20 solid blows, including round trippers by Mabel Louie and Jay Wong.

Mary Louie, the "Maple Leaf" star flinger, held the Recreio femmes in the hollow of her hand, yielding five hits well scattered, striking out one and walking two.

Ramblerettes went down fighting and outplayed the Canadian gals on the field, committing only four miscues to the winners' seven.

An unfortunate accident happened in the fourth inning when a foul tip knocked hind snatcher Dot Louie unconscious, resulting in a shiner for the hapless Vancouverite.

Although this is the second time this has happened, the plucky girl shook the good, clean earth of the Recreio lot off her uniform and ambled out to the right pastures to finish the tussle in a blaze of glory, battling a peerless 1,000 per cent. off Anna Noronha.

R. H. E.
Canuckettes 461 022 0—15 20 7
Ramblerettes 400 021 1—8 5 4

Fielding only seven players instead of the regulation nine, Wildcats downed Pirates, 7-5.

Some new faces were seen in the Bucs' lineup including Lily Boisen at centre field and Ivy Broady at right field. Lily showed some promise when she caught a long fly off Lily Mar's bat. Coach Dave ("Whiskey-Water") Walker was not so disappointed and is looking ahead to next year with plenty of material available under the guidance of Maudie Read.

MAUDIE'S GOOD WORK

Lily Mar toed the rubber for Wildcats and she was touched for nine hits, fanned five and walked four. Maudie Read held the Untamed Felines to two blows and struck out four.

Maudie's good work on the hill-lock was marred by nine errors committed by her fielders and it was heart-breaking to lose the fray.

All the long hits were made by the Bucs. Mary Penson homered and Lillian Sinton clouted a two-hagger. Paddy Seats took batting honours with three hits in four times up.

In the third canto, a neat double play was pulled by Wildcats. Ella (Lonesome) Chinn caught Ivy Broady's fly, completing the play with May Chung disposing of Marie Brunton at the keystone.

R. H. E.
Wildcats 222 100 x—7 2 2
Pirates 100 130 0—5 9 9

With only six players available, Cardinals conscripted Maudie Read to complete a legal side, but succumbed 10-5 to the Wahos.

The listless game was featured by Effy Babida's and Yvonne Yolle's Ruthian clouts. Other long hits were a triple by Naty Falladona and a double each by Lena Fernandez, Irene Castilho and Yvonne Yolle.

Therese Noronha struck out four and walked none. Effy Babida fanned one and walked one.

What was left of the lowly Cardinals were on their toes and a dazzling double-killing was pulled by Marie Roza and Linda Fernandes to nail Lena Luongo and Paula Chan.

R. H. E.
Wahos 530 002 x—10 12 3
Cards 110 010 2—5 5 6

Emitting disgruntled cries after the nightcap at Prince Edward Road, when the Cubs were slaughtered by the Ballgirls, 19-2, Papa Bear Bill Smith has given up all hopes of his Bruins ending in the first division this season.

There were tears of anguish rolling down his sunburnt cheeks when the Hoongyuns could only muster up six measly singles off the steady hurling of Thelma Collaco, whose mates played errorless, bang-up ball to vanquish the Cubs, who are only one step from the cellar champions, Cardinals.

GRANDMA LOSES TOUCH

Eighteen scattered hits were nicked off Grandma Hutchinson, who seems to have lost the magic touch she inherited some three weeks ago when she whiffed 10 opponents. She fanned two and walked four in this encounter to Thelma Collaco's seven strike-outs and only two Annie Oakleys.

Ballgirls' backstop, Sailor Motta, tripled; and Cub custodian of the windy alley, Kitty Bush, doubled, for the only distance blows of the last listless fray of the day.

R. H. E.
Ballgirls 612 160 3—19 18 0
Cubs 100 000 1—2 6 7

BADMINTON SCHEDULE REVISED

The Colony Badminton championship matches scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, on which date a Colony Black-out will take place, have been postponed a week to Tuesday, March 12, at the same venues and times.

The matches concerned are as follows:

Men's Doubles Championship.—J. J. Remedios and L. A. Carvalho v. H. Eardley and N. L. Smith (King's College, 8 p.m.); C. K. Cheah and T. T. Chin v. F. H. and D. Kwok (King's College, 8.45 p.m.); C. Au and P. H. Wong v. K. L. Lui v. F. Koh and C. Y. Yung (Talkoo, 8.30 p.m.).

COTTAGE CLUB

A paper hunt will be held for members of the Cottage Club on Saturday. Riders will gather at the Club House at 3 p.m., where Club ponies will be drawn for.

The hunt will start at 3.30 p.m. and the location will be announced later so that riders of privately-owned ponies can send their mounts to the meet.

SCORES AT A GLANCE

| MEN'S | | | |
|------------------|----|-------------------|----|
| Canadian Chinese | 11 | Filipinos | 10 |
| Chung Hwa | 17 | Liga | 1 |
| GIRLS' | | | |
| Canadian Chinese | 15 | Recreio | 8 |
| Wildcats | 7 | Pirates | 5 |
| Wahos | 10 | Cardinals | 5 |
| Ballgirls | 19 | Cubs | 2 |
| HONG | | | |
| Socony | 18 | Ewo | 7 |
| FRIENDLY | | | |
| Chung Hwa | 19 | Empress of Russia | 1 |

TRUE BLUE'S SUCCESS

The following were the results of the seventh ladies' race, second series held by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday over 8.7 miles:

| | Finished Pos. | Pts. |
|----------------------------|---------------|------|
| True Blue | 16.22.43 | 1 8 |
| (Miss H. Crawhall Wilson). | | |
| Artemis | 16.25.30 | 2 6 |
| (Mrs. G. C. Gowlland). | | |
| Gull | 16.25.35 | 3 4 |
| (Mrs. G. D. Adams). | | |
| Redshank | D. N. F. | 0 1 |
| (Mrs. M. N. Luce). | | |

SOFTBALL MEN'S

FILIPINOS UNFORTUNATE AGAINST CANADIANS

(By GRANDSTAND)

FIELDING A BUNCH of bushers Canadian Chinese were lucky to nose out the Filipinos, 11-10; the only game to furnish some interest in a curtailed schedule.

It was a heart-breaker for the Southern boys to drop the encounter as they were leading 10-6 in the first of the final frame. The "Canucks" rallied with five runs off the assembly line in the seventh on two hits and three Filipino bingles.

The game would have gone for extra innings if not for a misplay by Dave Bautista in the last canto. With two away, instead of making the play at the initial station to dispose of S. Bunn for an easy third out, Bautista made the play at home plate, but Bill Ing was safe and the game was over.

Herbie Quon, king of the whiff, was on the mound for the "Maple Leafs". He whiffed six and passed two. Dave Amper, on the firing line for the Filipinos, fanned one and walked two. Both pitchers yielded seven hits apiece, but the Canadians' blows came when they meant runs. The "Canucks" bungled six to the Southerners' four bobbles.

Luke Bunn starred for the victors with two four-base knocks in four times up. Harry Campos replied with a circuit clout for the losers. Only other distance blow was a double by G. G. Lee in the critical last frame.

R. H. E.
Canadians 010 401 5—11 7 6
Filipinos 106 020 2—10 7 4
In a very one-sided affair Chung Hwa just fooled about to swamp Liga Portuguesa, 17-1.

CHINN PLAYS AROUND!

Tuffy Chinn could have twirled a better game for Chung Hwa but he just fed the Portuguese chaps with some easy benders with the intention of giving his fielders something to do. He fanned only one, was nicked for seven scattered hits and walked one.

Southpaw Manually Roza took things seriously on the slab for the Peking Road boys, but his benders were not good enough to hold the Chinese sluggers. Even Babe Chinn, the two-ton Chung Hwa outfielder, beat out two perfect bunts, must to the surprise of the girl friends at the sidelines! Tuffy Chinn homered for the winners and P. K. Lau and Wally Ching doubled for the other two long blows.

Considerate Wally Ching, for fear of uprooting the thin turf on the C.B.A. ground, took off his street shoes and cavorted the windy alley bare-footed. This was no handicap to this lad from Walkiki, as he took six fielding chances with nary a miscue. He also burnt the base paths with three tallies.

For the vanquished, J. Gomes and F. Jorge took batting honours, each with two safeties in four times up.

R. H. E.
Chung Hwa 207 053 x—17 14 1
Liga 010 000 0—1 7 6

Featured by George White's round-tripper and two triples by A. Lau, the Empress of Russia squad succumbed to Chung Hwa, 19-1.

It was evident that the Pacific liner's boys have not played softball for some time as they appeared very rusty both on the field and with the willow wand. Hurler Andrews and backstop Mitchell were the only two "Canucks" who looked like ball players. Andrews connected for two hits in three

trips to the pan while Mitchell panted his way across the plate for the only Empress tally.

Rightfielder Johnson looked impressive out in the cabbage patch, catching three long flies, but muffed one to spoil a good performance.

Wally (the bare foot boy) Ching was again outstanding, clouting three safeties in four times up.

R. H. E.
Chung Hwa 050 841 1—19 15 3
Empress Russia 000 001 0—1 5 9

WALKER WINS BOGEY POOL

R. J. K. Walker won the Bogey Par Pool over the New Course at Fanning during the week-end when he returned a card of six down. There were 11 entries. One of the cards (one down) was marked by a lady and was therefore, disqualified.

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Eagerly-Awaited Clash At King's Park On Saturday

Club De Recreio To Meet Kowloon Cricket Club

NAVY RUGBY TEAMS

Following will represent Navy "A" against Royal Engineers to-day on the Causeway Bay ground, at 3 p.m.: Pay-Lieutenant Stevens; Tel. Bowden, Tel. Paul, Tel. Hall and Sub-Lieutenant Kennedy; Lieutenant Carter and Lieutenant Commander Clark; L. S. A. Palmer, Lieutenant (E) Brown, Leading Writer Barlow, Chief Writer King, A. B. Longmuir, Leading Writer Ferris, Leading Seaman Jones and A. B. Noonon.

Reserves:—Marine Jeffries, Tel. Honeywell, S. B. A. Davis and Leading Sig. Inglis.

Following will represent Navy "A" against Club to-morrow on the Club ground at 5 p.m.:—A. N. Other; Marine Jeffries, Tel. Honeywell, Tel.

TSUI YUN-PUI TO WED

The engagement of Mr. Tsui Yun-pui, younger of the two Tsui brothers who are leading figures in Hong Kong tennis, and Miss Ip Yun-hing of No. 10, On Wo Lane, was announced yesterday, when notice of their forthcoming marriage was given at the Registry, Supreme Court.

Davidson and S. B. A. Addis; A. B. Hammond and A. N. Other; Ldg. Sig. Inglis, S. B. A. Davis, L. S. Spirit, Ord. Sea; Murray, F. Lieutenant Taylor, Eng. Lt. Bruce, L. A. C. Gale and L. S. Wilkie.

(By "ADREM")
FIRST DIVISION OF THE Cricket League should be virtually decided on Saturday when the eagerly-awaited clash between the holders of the title, Club de Recreio, and last year's runners-up, Kowloon Cricket Club, will be played.

Both teams will have out their strongest combinations and a keen game is certain to result. Last year these two teams tied.

A win for K.C.C. will give them the championship, whereas if they draw, they will still have to draw with I.R.C., whom they play in their last match.

On paper, Recreio have much the stronger bowling side, with lots of variety. They are also the most brilliant fielding team in the Colony. On the other hand K.C.C. are acknowledged as the finest batting team in Hong Kong, with two bowlers capable of running through any side when on form.

Following are the teams:—

Recreio — A. M. Rodrigues (capt.), J. M. Gosano, E. M. L. Soares, E. L. Gosano, P. M. N. da Silva, G. N. Gosano, W. A. Reed, H. L. Ozorio, N. A. Beltrao, A. P. Pereira, and L. G. Gosano.

K.C.C. — E. C. Fincher (capt.), D. J. N. Anderson, G. C. Burnett, E. F. Fincher, D. Hung, R. E. Lee, N. A. E. Mackay, N. D. Lloyd, W. L. Rapley, A. Zimmern and T. A. Madar.

THE JUNIORS

Equally important will be the match at K.C.C. between the Junior elevens of the two clubs. K.C.C., who are the champions, have already met with two defeats and they cannot afford to drop further points. Their team for Saturday is a very powerful one, strong in batting and attack, and, provided they don't do anything foolish, they should win, especially as the match is being played on their own ground.

The following is the team:—W. Mulcahy (capt.), S. A. Gray, F. J. Lay, E. Curtis, G. A. Goodban, K. M. Baxter, R. T. Broadbridge, G. E. Taylor, R. A. J. Simpson, R. Baldwin and B. D. Lay.

FIELDING PRACTICE

Fielding practice in the middle of the ground will be held for both teams to-morrow and Friday, commencing at 4.45 sharp.

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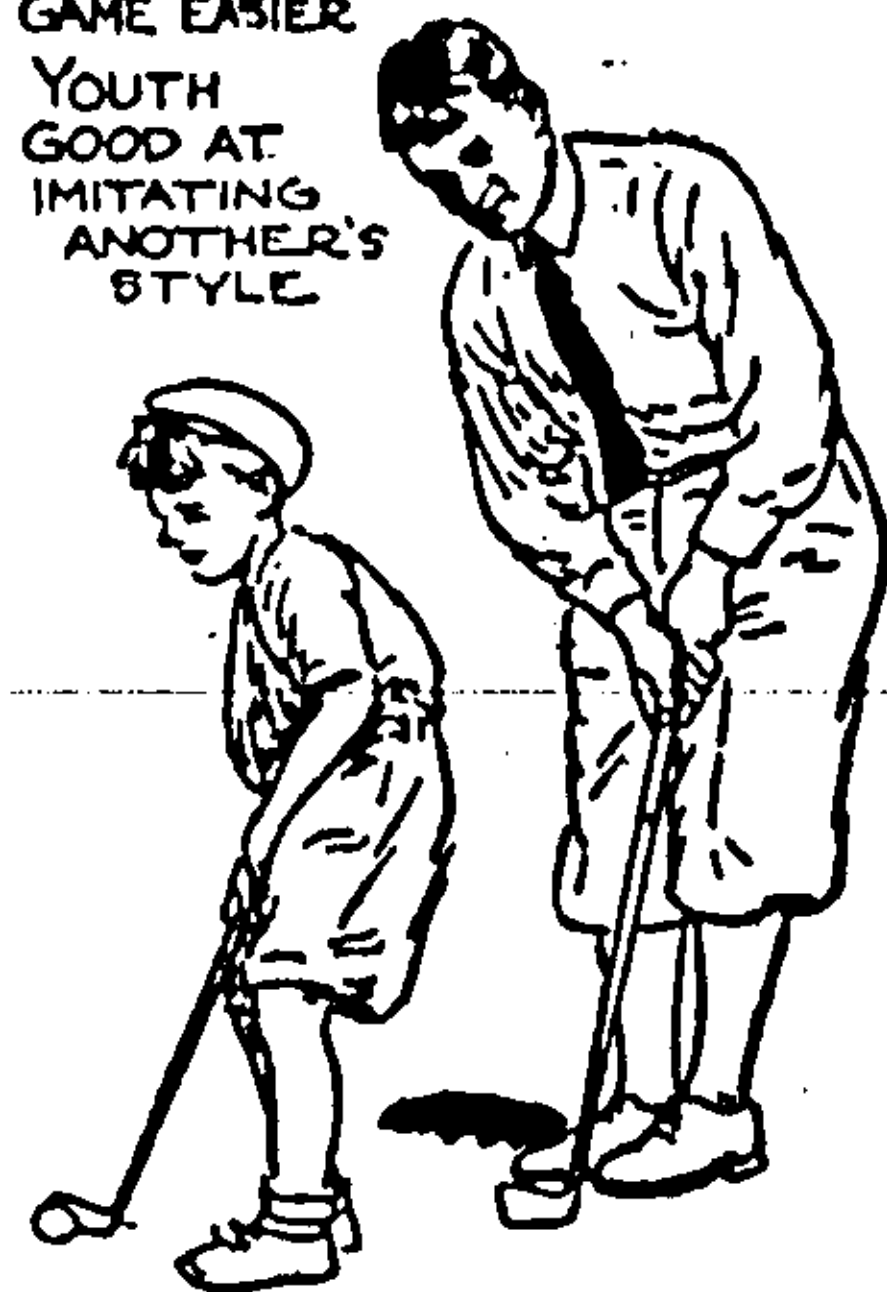
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Next Article—Develop That Left.

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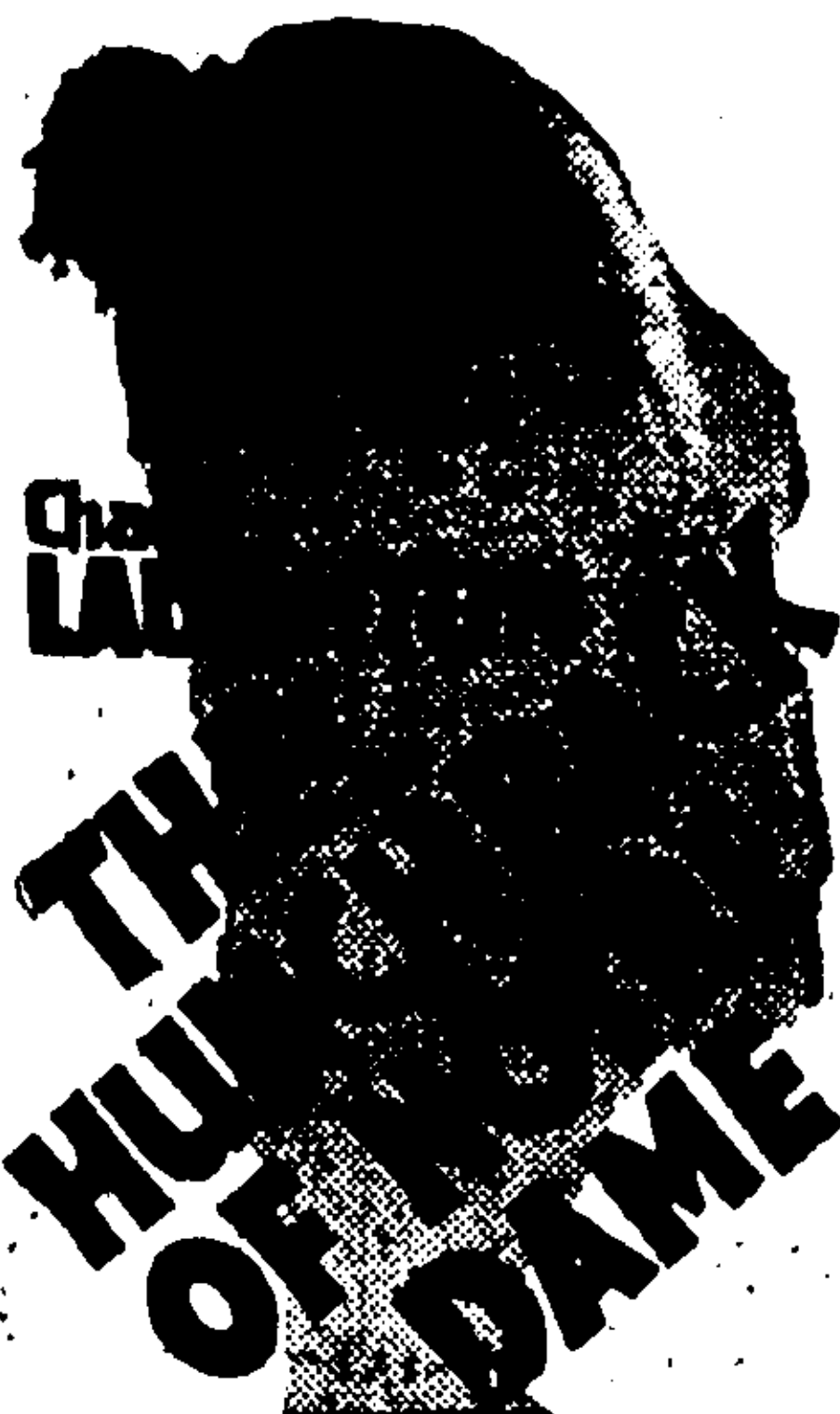
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NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifty-first Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building on THURSDAY, 21st March 1940 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December 1939, electing Directors and Auditors and fixing their fees.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 9th March to 21st March 1940, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hong Kong, 22nd February, 1940.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P & O Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on THURSDAY, the 21st day of March, 1940, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company shall have terminated, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolution as a special resolution:—

That the Capital of the Company be increased from its present Capital of \$6,000,000 Hong Kong currency divided into 600,000 shares of \$10 each to \$18,000,000 Hong Kong currency divided into 1,800,000 shares of \$10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original Capital of the Company."

And for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolutions, namely:—

1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and to allot to the Members holding shares of the Company as on the 1st day of July 1940 in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every two shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1940.
2. That if, on such distribution as aforesaid, any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing Fractional Certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share."

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STOLE \$60,000 IN SHARES TO BURN!

A 17-year-old Chinese, Yu Chau-sing, was before Mr. R. Edwards this morning, charged with stealing jewellery and 600 shares of the Wing On Company, from his employer, Mrs. Chan San-wu.

Mrs. Chan was awakened by a noise on Sunday night, and found accused in the backyard with a wooden box besides him. The police were informed and defendant admitted the theft, producing the jewellery which was hidden in various parts of the house. He then took the police to the roof where he had burned the 600 shares, and the ashes were found.

Defendant, who had been employed for four years, was a distant relative of Mrs. Chan.

It was stated that accused had previously stolen articles from the house, but no action was taken.

Sentence of two months' hard labour was passed.

BRITAIN'S NEW MINISTER TO FINLAND

Helsinki, To-day.

Mr. Gordon Vereker, Britain's new Minister to Finland, has arrived in Finland.

He told the press that Britain hopes to be able to act efficaciously to save the heroic Finnish people.—Reuter.

NOT CLEVER ENOUGH

Li Yaf-fung, 30, was charged before Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, with stealing \$360 in Canton currency, and conducting business as money changer without a licence.

Det. Sergt. R. McVey, who prosecuted, said a woman went to accused's shop with \$1,900 in Canton currency and asked for it to be changed into Chinese National currency. Defendant counted the money, and gave it back, saying that he had not sufficient money for the change. The woman then went to a shop near by where, when the money was counted, she discovered it to be \$360 short. She went straight back to defendant's shop, but he denied the theft. A customer in defendant's shop saw him pick money from the ground after complainant had left the counter.

Defendant was sentenced to four months' hard labour for the larceny, and a fine of \$100 or two months on the second charge.

FRENCH BOOST IN COAL PRODUCTION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Despite the outbreak of war, the mobilisation of workers and the closing down of important mines located near the front lines, French coal production for 1939 topped 1938's figure by nearly 4,000,000 tons and amounted, in actual figures, to 52,000,000 tons.

The extent of the intensification of work in mines situated away from zones of eventual war operation is indicated by the fact that the total output was not affected by such a heavy blow as the practical closing down of the mines in the Moselle region which in the last quarter of 1939 produced 42,000 tons as against 2,000,000 tons for the same period in 1938. — Havas.

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Moscow, To-day.

A Soviet communique claims that Soviet troops in the Karelian Isthmus yesterday continued to destroy enemy fortifications.

The Finns attempted to counter-attack, says the communique, but were repulsed with heavy losses.

On other sectors there was nothing of importance. Nineteen Finnish planes were brought down.—Reuter.

Forty-four smallpox cases were notified to the Medical Department last week, 33 of them from Kowloon, five from the harbour, five from Victoria and one from the New Territories. Deaths totalled 27.

There were also seven diphtheria cases (four deaths) six scarlet fever, nine typhoid, fifteen meningitis, and 169 tuberculosis (89 deaths).

Rio de Janeiro, To-day.

The proposed rules drawn up by the Pan-American Neutrality Committee for the treatment of auxiliary naval vessels in American waters lay down that neutral states must prevent by every means the use of their ports and territorial waters as a base for war operations and supplies, even through neutral intermediaries.

Any assistance lent by a merchant vessel, except humanitarian aid, will result in her being converted into a belligerent auxiliary warship.

Such merchantmen will be treated as belligerent warships and be interned with their crews. Assistance given by a merchant ship flying a neutral flag will render her liable to the application of sanctions against the captain.

Merchantmen will be forbidden to load in neutral ports war materials, provisions or personnel with the intention of trans-shiping them on the high seas to belligerent warships.—Reuter.

Contrary to a police report of his death this morning, the military authorities state that Private Cruickshanks, of the Royal Scots Regiment, is alive but ill in hospital.

Bucharest, To-day.

Rumania and Hungary have signed an agreement to facilitate railway traffic between the two countries.—Reuter.

Kirkenaes (on the Norwegian-Finnish frontier), To-day.—Fierce fighting is reported near Hoyenjaervi, 50 miles south of Petsamo.—Reuter.

Shanghai, To-day.

British troops were involved in an incident with Japanese gendarmerie this morning when they politely but firmly refused to yield to attempts by the Japanese to interfere with their activities.

An official statement on the incident says: At 9.20 a.m. to-day a British patrol surprised two Chinese in an alleyway dressed in blue clothes and armed with Mauser pistols. They were disarmed and arrested. With the object of carrying out further search, the patrol made the prisoners lead them to their house, which they found protected by a breastwork. It was found to be the lair of armed Chinese in civilian clothes. Twelve men were found, arrested and their arms confiscated. Members of the Japanese gendarmerie then appeared and demanded that the arms and ammunition be handed over on the ground that the men were supporters of Wang Ching-wel. After some discussion, they gave way to the British view and at 11.30 a.m. the prisoners and their arms were removed in British custody.—Reuter.

Subject to audit the Directors of the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. will recommend to Shareholders at the forthcoming Annual Meeting the following appropriation of the amount at credit of Profit and Loss Account at 31st December, 1939 Viz:—Pay a Dividend of 6% per Annum and a Bonus of 4% per Annum, \$355,110; Place to General Reserve, \$500,000; Place to Special Reserve for Extensions, \$350,000; Pay Bonus to Staff, \$60,000; and carried forward to new account about \$200,000. The Board have decided to make an offer to members of the Company as shown on the Register of Members on the 26th day of March, 1940 of one unissued share in the capital of the Company of the nominal value of \$10 at a premium of \$2 in the proportion of one unissued share for every complete three issued shares of the Company then held by such members respectively. Shares so allotted shall rank for dividend as from the 1st day of July, 1940. Forms of offer will be sent out in due course.

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